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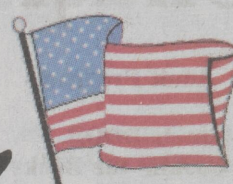
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▲ Week 3 participants of the Youth Public Safety Academy spell out YPSA on the field at Lowell's Cawley Stadium at the conclusion of Community Day in late July. (Courtesy photo)

Middlesex Sheriff's Office celebrates completion of Youth Public Safety Academy

CHELMSFORD — The Middlesex Sheriff's Office Youth Public Safety Academy (YPSA) returned this summer for a tremendously successful 21st year, following a two-year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the course of four weeks in July and August, nearly 270 children from 33 different Middlesex County communi-

ties participated in the popular camp. In addition to 241 cadets between the ages of 8-12, the staff also welcomed 27 Counselors in Training (CITs). CITs are youngsters between the ages of 13-16 who participate in the camp's Future Leaders Program.

"YPSA has been a staple of summer in Middlesex County for two

decades," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "It has enhanced safety and built lasting relationships by bringing together children and public safety professionals to talk about team-building, fire safety, emergency preparedness and other crucial lessons in a fun-filled environment. And many of those youngsters who have attended over the

years have carried on the lesson they learned by returning to YPSA as counselors or gone on to careers in public safety, education, health care or the military."

This summer, in addition to lessons on fire safety, cyber safety and emergency preparedness, cadets visited the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Billerica to work

on team-building skills and toured local police and fire stations. New this year, YPSA also added a component on gardening, with cadets able to plant their own seed or seedling to take home.

"I am tremendously grateful to our entire MSO team, our counselors and our community and public safety partners for their dedication

to this crucial program," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "The visible smiles on the faces of the cadets each week is overwhelming proof of the impact YPSA makes."

To learn more about YPSA and other Middlesex Sheriff's Office community-based programming, please visit middlesexsheriff.org/community.

Wilmington man finds Tewksbury class ring and returns it to owner

WILMINGTON — Call it a lucky break, but one Tewksbury woman received a special gift from a Wilmington man in the form of a four-decades old class ring.

According to NBC10 Boston, Wilmington resident Jon Richards, who spent time in his younger days searching for coins and other metals, stumbled upon a class ring from 1979.

He told the news station he liked to use a metal detector to search for rare coins, but every now and again he'd come across rings.

Recently, he said while moving some boxes around in his basement, he discovered the ring. It was from Tewksbury High School and had a name inscribed on it.

He said he originally

threw it in the box because it was much tougher back then to contact people. Nowadays, thanks to social media, he decided to go on the hunt for the owner.

Unfortunately, the owner, Elaine Chambers, actually moved to North Carolina. That didn't stop Richards from locating her and returning her prized possession.

When NBC10 caught up with her, she said, "It's funny how things come around. I never imagined such a thing."

She told the station how she lost it in North Reading and after many failed attempts to locate it simply gave up searching. She assumed it was buried in the sand and lost forever.

Chambers said she searched for so long, because her mother paid for the ring. Now, with her mother gone, getting the ring back means even more.

Being down in North Carolina, Chambers didn't get to meet the man who found it, but she hopes to one day.

"It just reaffirms there are good people out there," she told NBC10.



No more detours!

Middlesex Avenue (Route 62) is now open! Wilmington Police advise caution when driving through the area as it is still an active construction zone and there is only a gravel surface on the roadway. Construction will still continue over the coming weeks. (Courtesy photo)

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Cookin' the Books

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 12 p.m.
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! Recipes already chosen: Sheet Pan Sausage with Peppers and Onions, Chicken Tagine, and Grilled Corn Salad.

INDOOR

Drop-In Tech Help

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

INDOOR

Craft and Chat

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.
Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. All craft supplies provided. Led by longtime crafter Rachelle Toth.

VIRTUAL

Understanding Your Cat

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.
Author Rachel S. Geller will deliver a presentation based on her book, *Saving the World, One Cat at a Time: What I Know About Cats — And Why You Should Know It*, in this Zoom webinar. Dubbed the "Cat Whisperer," Dr. Rachel Geller will explain common cat behavior problems encountered by owners, followed by a Q&A, so bring your questions for this expert's advice.

INDOOR

Novel Ideas Book Group

Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. Featured Book: *Daisy Jones and the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

INDOOR

Needleworkers

Friday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

VIRTUAL

Poetry Circle

Saturday, Sept. 17, 9:15 a.m.

Do you enjoy writing poetry? Want input on your work? If so, this group is for you. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email the Adult Services Librarian at adultservices@wilmingtonlibrary.org. Please include the title of the program in the subject heading. This event will be held over Zoom. You will receive an invite from the presenter prior to the program date.

Youth Programs

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Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is back for a weekly playgroup! Join us for our community playgroup where we will work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask us about any resources we can help provide for you and your family! Ages 0-8

VIRTUAL

Near & Far Book Group

Monday, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m.
Kids & Grandparents! If you're missing your loved

ones that live far away, join our book group and enjoy books together virtually! Each month, we'll read one book together as a group, have some fun discussions and then families will have a chance to break off into groups and read a book or two together. Ages 0-8 & their Grandparents

INDOOR

Tiny Art Show! Canvas Pick Up

Monday - Saturday, Sept. 12 - 17, All Day

We want you to make a tiny piece of art for our Tiny Art Show! Open to all ages and all mediums! Pick up a tiny canvas from the library (while supplies last) or create a tiny sculpture, a tiny felted creation, tiny knitting, or even tiny ceramics! Be creative! Specifications: All artwork must be either on a 3x3 inch canvas or, if 3D, must be 3x3x3 inches or smaller in all dimensions. The first 150 registrants will receive a mini canvas, should they want one, and anyone after that wanting to participate can purchase their own canvas, use a 3X3 inch piece of paper, or create with a different medium as long as their final piece is 3x3x3 inches or smaller. Important Dates: Participants will have until September 17th to pick up their canvas and until

September 24th to drop their artwork off. We will have a Tiny Art Show Reception on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30pm and hope you all can attend! All Ages

INDOOR

Just Desserts for Teens

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.
To kick off our sweet fall dessert series, we're making bubble tea! Join us to learn how to make this delicious drink. Grades 6-12

INDOOR

Switch it up! Video Game Club

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 3:30 p.m.

Love Mario Kart? Love Nintendo Switch? Come to this once-a-month video game tournament to play your favorite Switch games with friends! Grades 1-5

INDOOR

The Ukulele Show

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2:30 p.m.

Look, Listen, Learn & Laugh at The Ukulele Show, an educational concert for all ages presented by Dave Maloof. Dave will explain and demonstrate ukulele history, types and tunings and sizes, and playing techniques. He'll also present mini-concerts — singing and playing various ukuleles to music including Beatles, Rock 'n' Roll, Tin Pan Al-

ley, World, Country, Kids, Comedy — and maybe even a little Classical. All Ages

OUTDOOR

Drop-in Storytime

Saturday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.
Come enjoy this fun outdoor storytime that includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 2-6

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmingtonlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

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Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy blood drive

WILMINGTON — Please join the Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy for a blood drive on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022 from noon - 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 112 Middlesex Ave.

You must schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org

Enter 01887 under zip code and go to Oct. 5, 2022, under Knights of Columbus to make your appointment.

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by Todd BrisboisTIPS FOR
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AFTER-TAX-DAY ISSUES

While the deadline to file and pay federal income taxes has passed for most people, some taxpayers may still be dealing with tax-related issues. Here are some tips for taxpayers handling some of the most common after-tax-day issues.

Check withholding: All taxpayers are encouraged to check their withholding using the Tax Withholding Estimator on IRS.gov. This will help them make sure their employers are withholding the right amount of tax from their paychecks. Doing this now will help avoid an unexpected amount due and possibly a penalty when they prepare and file their taxes next year.

Taxpayers can use the results from the Estimator to help complete a new Form W-4 and adjust their income tax withholding with their employer. Taxpayers who receive pension income can use the results to complete a Form W-4P and submit to their payer.

Review payment options: Taxpayers who owe taxes can review all payment options online. These include:

- Paying their taxes owed or making a partial payment with IRS Direct Pay
- Paying by debit card, credit card or digital wallet
- Applying online for a payment plan

Carefully consider if you need to amend a tax return: Common errors taxpayers should fix are those made about filing status, income, deductions and credits. Taxpayers usually do not need to file an amended return to fix a math error or if they forgot to attach a form or schedule. Normally, the IRS will correct the math error and notify the taxpayer by mail. Similarly, the agency will send a letter requesting any missing forms or schedules.

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Skinner and Sousa meet former Celtic

Wilmington firefighters Skinner and Sousa pose with Boston Celtics announcer (and former player) Brian Scalabrino (center) during a recent "touch-a-truck" event.

(Courtesy photo)

Sons & Daughters of Italy annual Yard Sale

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and WHS Band Parents annual Yard Sale — will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

at the Wilmington Town Commons Parking Lot. Spaces are available for \$20.

To buy a space or for more information, please

contact John @ jromano45@gmail.com or call 617-750-9749.

Checks, made payable to Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy, may

be mailed to:

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News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

So many things to celebrate in Wilmington!

Both the Wilmington Friends of the Library and the Wilmington Police Department are celebrating anniversaries in the next few weeks!

Lisa Kapala sat down with Tina Stewart, Director of the Wilmington Library along with Christine Hauray and Terri

McDermott who are part of the Friends of the Library to talk about the 25th anniversary of the Friends of the Library.

She also spoke with Sergeant Matt Stavro and retired police officer, Paul Chalifour to talk about marking 150 years of law enforcement in Wilmington.

Both of these topics were featured on upcoming episodes of "Where's Wilmington". The Friends of the Library is episode #170

and the Police Anniversary Episode is #171.

To watch these programs on-demand or to view our Television Programming schedule to watch on TV, go to WCTV.org.

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Engage in Fluff fever at the Fluff Festival

Lifestyle

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

As a new school year unfolds and we prepare the family for another school year, we are reminded of our own first day of school.

A time of year filled with new things: new shoes, new notebooks, new teachers, new experiences.

It was the little, familiar things that often gave a young student comfort starting off the new school year. A favorite pen, a familiar classmate and a favorite bagged lunch.

For many of us that grew up in New England, the standby school lunch was more often than not the iconic Fluffernutter.

Plenty of peanut butter and Marshmallow Fluff spread between two pieces of Wonder Bread was your own little slice of heaven in the school cafeteria.

Despite the fact that this was not the most nutritious lunch mom could have packed, it was the tried and true school lunch for many students, particularly right here in New England, the birthplace of Marshmallow Fluff.

The earliest printed reference to marshmallow cream can be traced back to an 1896 cookbook from the American culinary icon, Fannie Farmer.

Farmer's recipe was referred to as "marshmallow paste," made from melted marshmallows and used as a shortcut to make frosting and candy.

In 1913, the first commercially made, shelf stable marshmallow spread was developed by the brother and sister team of Amory and Emma Curtis.

The Curtis sibling's product was called Snowflake Marshmallow Creme, but it was Archibald Query who created the now famous Marsh-

here in Massachusetts, and who is credited with the start of Fluff fever.

Query sold his marshmallow creation, by the jar or gallon, door to door in Somerville in 1917, eventually making his product a favorite among local housewives.

After limited local success, Boston candy company Durkee-Mower bought Query's recipe for a mere \$500, and brought the product to new heights of success with an innovative marketing plan.

Durkee-Mower started to advertise Fluff on the radio in the 1920's, and then heavily concentrated on branding the Fluff product over the 1950's and 60's, creating the iconic red, white and blue packaging, that remains largely unchanged today.

But the biggest impact on Fluff's fame is no doubt the creation of the Fluffernutter Sandwich.

Surprisingly, the first peanut butter and marshmallow sandwich was the creation of Fluff's largest competitor, Snowflake Marshmallow Creme.

Snowflake first published the recipe during WWI, calling it the Liberty Sandwich. (They also created a marshmallow and olive sandwich that thankfully did not catch on with the public!)

Several other companies tried to cash in on the marshmallow sandwich, but it was Fluff

that discovered how to make it there own.

In the 1960's, Fluff came up with a clever marketing plan by coining the term Fluffernutter Sandwich, and blasting it to the public with commercials and catchy jingles. The commercials used the angle that it was a recipe every kid could make for themselves without the help of an overburdened mom.

The sweet and salty treat became a huge hit enjoyed by children and adults for decades.

In 2014, Massachusetts state lawmakers made the Fluffernutter the official state sandwich. This came with some opposition because of the lack of nutritional value in the sandwich, but because of the long standing roots of Fluff in Massachusetts, opposition backed down and it was passed.

Today, Marshmallow Fluff is still New England made in Lynn, just a few miles away from its birthplace of Somerville.

The City of Somerville has long celebrated all that Marshmallow Fluff has done for the area, and this year is no exception.

After a several year absence due to COVID, Union Square Main Street and The Somerville Arts Council are happy to announce the return of "The 17th annual What the Fluff Festival."

This one day street festival celebrates all that is fun about Fluff. For those who are not native to New England, or those who have forgotten the magic of the Fluffernutter, this festival is the perfect opportunity to get acquainted, or re-acquainted with the fun and fabulous flavor of Fluff.

Fluff fun begins on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the heart of Somerville's vibrant Union Square.

This year's theme is Fluff at First Sight: Back on Track, and promises to please Marshmallow Fluff lov-

ers as well as reminding those who may have forgotten about their old love of Fluff.

The Fluff Festival plans to "jam" all afternoon with multiple musical entertainers starting at 3.

Fashionable Fluff lovers are encouraged to express their fondness for Fluff by wearing marshmallow inspired costumes for the annual costume contest.

There is also a full afternoon of fun, Fluff activities and games planned.

Games include Marshmallow Toss, Fluff Jousting, Fluff Musical Chairs, and Fluff Limbo.

Fashion forward Fluff lovers can express themselves in the Fluff Hairdo Contest. (Yes, contestants will form the fabulous Fluff in their hair to create a stylish hairdo!)

Despite all the Flufftastic fun events at the festival, the real draw of the day is the Fluff inspired food.

Guests can witness the simple, original Fluff formula of corn syrup, egg whites, sugar, and vanilla flavoring transform into unexpected but delicious treats such as Flufferita Pizza or Fluff sweet potato pakoras. The culinary creativity of Fluff is endless and will push your taste buds to the limits of this sticky, sweet sensation.

Although the official festival is one day, many of Union Square's local businesses will be offering Flufftastic specials, sales and Fluff related merchandise in the days before the festival.

Union Square does have limited street and lot parking, but because of the popularity of this festival, organizers recommend taking public transportation or parking on the outskirts of Union Square.

This month, celebrate all you once loved about Marshmallow Fluff while supporting local businesses in the birthplace of this iconic New England treat at Somerville's What the Fluff Festival.

For a full schedule of What the Fluff events and performers, visit www.flufffestival.com.



► The Fluffernutter sandwich that started as a genius marketing ploy, became such an iconic New England tradition it was named the official sandwich of Massachusetts in 2014.

(Heather Burns photo)

By **PAIGE IMPINK**
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Local dog training expands

TEWKSBURY — "We've doubled our space and are open seven days a week," said Auntie Dog Training Studio owner Liz Cleaves about her business's recent move to 1201 Main St.

The long-established Tewksbury dog training center is now offering trick classes, competition, and rally training in addition to obedience training.

"I'm pleased we can offer more therapy dog sessions now," said Cleaves, who credits the Town of

Tewksbury for helping expedite her business move.

"Everyone was very helpful," she said.

Cleaves is happy with the new space and said the grounds are more conducive to outdoor and real-world training.

Cleaves is also the training director for Auntie Dog and is an AKC Rally Judge, AKC C.G.C. evaluator, Therapy Dogs International evaluator and actively competes in Rally

and Obedience skills events with her two-year-old Boston Terrier, Sunwood's FortaTude, CD, RE, TDI.

Cleaves is donating training services for the Tewksbury Police Department's comfort dogs Waffles and Dr. Brownie McNuggles. Brownie is training to become The Front Line Initiative's Crisis Co-Response & Comfort Dog. She will be working with the Tewksbury, Chelmsford, Billerica, Dracut & Tyngsborough Police Departments.

Dr. Brownie is currently enrolled in the Auntie Dog Training Camp, according to Cleaves. Officer Waffles works with SRO Eric Hanley in the Tewksbury Public Schools and joined the force in December of 2021. Waffles is a certified Canine Good Citizen (CGC), an American Kennel Club standard for obedience behaviors. Dr. Brownie joined the action in early 2022.

Cleaves provides training for dogs from all over the country, but her primary base is New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. She has seven trainers and two kennel assistants and noted that the number of students competing and tit-

ling in AKC events is on the rise.

"The larger training room provides an AKC regulation size ring for Rally and Obedience classes and Shows," said Cleaves.

Auntie Dog is also part of Therapy Dogs International. Therapy dogs are used in hospitals, senior centers, and adult day programs to help soothe and in some cases stimulate patients. The dogs must complete a battery of real-world scenarios such as allowing themselves to be pet by strangers, not reacting to loud noises or confusing environments, and avoiding tempting food on the floor.

"A pill or other medicine could be on the floor and we don't know what it is," said Cleaves. "We have to be sure the dog will walk right by it and respond to the owner's voice command."

Dogs are increasingly being used by police departments, schools, and

reduce stress and anxiety, and even facilitate learning.

Other services that Auntie Dog provides include puppy training, behavior modification, therapy dog testing, remote collar training, and a host of competition preparation.



◀ Liz Cleaves and her dog Anya Lorin. Anya is retired from competition but continues to be the face of Auntie Dog and participates in community events while still working as a therapy dog at Tewksbury Hospital. Cleaves is providing training for the Tewksbury police department's comfort dogs at her studio on Main Street.

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Tewksbury's eighth annual Fall Harvest Festival now a two-day event

TEWKSBURY — The Town of Tewksbury is pleased to announce that it will host the 8th annual Fall Harvest Festival from Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022 through Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022 from 12 - 5 p.m. both days at the Livingston Field Recreation Complex.

For the first time in the history of this event, the Tewksbury Fall Harvest Festival will be a two-day celebration with a touch-a-truck event on Saturday and the craft and food festival on Sunday. On Saturday, residents will be able to get up close looks at various public safety vehicles and meet up with some of their favorite K9 pals.

There will also be helicopter rides with donations for each ride to benefit the Tewksbury Community Pantry.

On Sunday, there will be

exactly what folks have come to expect from the fall festival in years past. There will be a variety of fall-themed lawn games, kids crafts, and classic old-time fair contests. Other attractions include a petting zoo, face painting, and live music. With over 80 food and craft vendors, there will be a little something for everyone.

Free parking will be available across three parking lots on Livingston Street including 10 handicap spots in front of the Recreation Center; first come, first served. Additional parking at the Wynn Middle School and Tewksbury State Hospital.

This event is sponsored by the Town of Tewksbury with the generous support of the Town Manager's office, Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Public Works.

College of the Holy Cross welcomes the Class of 2026

WORCESTER — The College of the Holy Cross congratulates the 904 new Crusaders who are starting at the College in Fall 2022. The following local students will be part of the Class of 2026:

- Rhiannon Dymont of Wilmington
- Celia Kulis of Wilmington
- Eowyn Bailey of Tewksbury

Representing the largest class in Holy Cross' 179-year history, the Class of 2026 hails from 575 high schools, 14 countries and four continents. Twenty-five percent of the class are students of color and international students; 24 languages are spoken; and 50 members hold dual citizenship. Nine students live within 1 mile of campus, which is about the same number as those who live more than 5,000 miles from The Hill.

These newly minted Crusaders have distinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics.

"Holy Cross is built for broad, deep and meaningful education and that says something very important about the kind of student who matriculates here. Our classes are small and

there is nowhere to hide — in the best possible sense," President Vincent D. Rougeau said. "Our students have to be ready for spirited engagement. They will have their certainties challenged and perspectives broadened as they prepare for a world that needs their leadership, wisdom, empathy and generosity. And we are confident that they will thrive here."

The new Crusaders arrived on campus and moved into the residence halls on Saturday, Aug. 27, where they were welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and alumni. Fall classes began on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

About Holy Cross

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

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Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

September is campus fire safety month

BOSTON — Governor Charlie Baker has declared September to be Campus Fire Safety Month in Massachusetts, and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is reminding students, landlords, parents, RAs, and others that working smoke alarms and two ways out of a dorm or apartment are key safety measures that could save lives in the event of a fire in student housing.

Nationwide, every residential fire to claim the life of a college student in more than 15 years has occurred in off-campus housing. This includes two Massachusetts students who died in off-campus housing fires in the past 10 years.

In the past five years, there have been more than 2,700 fires in Massachusetts dormitories, sororities, and fraternities causing seven civilian injuries, five fire service injuries, and an estimated \$2.9 million in damages.

"Thousands of young people will be attending college in Massachusetts this year, and many will be living away from home for the first time," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "We're particularly concerned about off-campus housing because that's where the

data shows the greatest loss of life, but fire safety is critical whether you live in a dorm, apartment, single-family home, multifamily dwelling, sorority, or fraternity."

Officials noted that fire safety precautions should remain in place after move-in day and beyond Sept. 30. Windows, doors, and stairways should always be clear of boxes, furniture, or anything else that might hinder an escape. Similarly, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are required by law and should remain operational all year long.

"If your rental doesn't have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, insist on them," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "But don't spend a single night unprotected in the meantime. For the price of a pizza, you can pick up smoke and CO alarms at a hardware store. They could save your life."

Like other household appliances, alarms don't last forever. Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years after the manufacturing date printed on the back. Carbon monoxide alarms usually need to be replaced after five to seven years. If the alarm has replaceable batteries, the batteries should be changed twice a year, usually at the be-

ginning and end of Daylight Saving Time.

When choosing a replacement alarm, select one that has a sealed, long-life battery and a hush feature — this will reduce nuisance alarms and prevent the batteries from being used for another purpose, such as the television remote control. All alarms should be tested monthly.

"We see too many disabled smoke alarms in fires when people really needed them to work," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "Modern fires burn and spread faster than they did in past decades, and alarms without batteries put everyone in the building at risk."

Working alarms and clear exit routes are crucial for when a fire breaks out, but students can also take steps to prevent them from starting in the first place. Leading causes of fatal fires in Massachusetts are:

- **Smoking:** There is no safe way to smoke, but if you must smoke, then use a heavy ashtray or a pail with water or sand for cigarette butts. Don't flick them on the ground, where they can smolder and ignite debris, or grind them out on porches or steps. Put it out.

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- **Electrical:** Always plug appliances such as air conditioners and space heaters into wall sockets that can handle the current, not power strips or extension cords, and don't overload outlets with multiple devices.

- **Cooking:** Stand by your pan! Don't leave pots and pans unattended on a lit stovetop, and keep flammable items away from burners. In the event of a grease fire, smother the flames with a lid and then turn off the heat.

- **Candles:** Never leave candles burning unattended. Extinguish them before leaving the room. Even better, switch to battery-powered candles.

"Campus Fire Safety Month is a chance to raise awareness among young adults who may be living on their own for the first time," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "But everyone can contribute to fire safety in their homes and communities, in September and all year round."

For more fire safety tips for both on and off campus, visit www.mass.gov/dfs.

Upcoming local events

Thursday, Sept. 8, Public Health Museum indoor tours, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., 365 East St., Tewksbury publichealthmuseum.org

Thursday, Sept. 8, Wilmington Public Library historic walk of Wildwood Cemetery and the Olde Burying Ground. Register at <https://wilmingtonlibrary.assabetinteractivemuseum.com/calendar/outdoor-historic-cemetery-walk/>

Saturday, Sept. 10, Public Health Museum outdoor tour, 10 - 11 a.m. weather permitting, 365 East St., Richard Morris Building, Tewksbury.

Sign up at publichealthmuseum.org

Saturday, Sept. 10, Chelmsford Farmers Market, 1 - 4 p.m., Local growers, artisans, food, and fun. Free. Chelmsford Common, 2 North Road.

Sunday, Sept. 11, Wilmington Farmers Market, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Swain Green, 140 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington. Bring your pets.

Sunday, Sept. 11, Kars N Koffee at As Good As It Gets, Wilmington, Pop Up Car Show from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., weather permitting. karsnkoffee.com

Sunday, Sept. 11, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck Street, Lowell.

Saturday, Sept. 17, Ride the LRTA for Free Day. Ride any LRTA bus or Road Runner. Leave the driving to them! Visit www.lrtat.org for more details.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, Galilee Café, 10 East St., Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East St., free dinner for all.

Saturday, Sept. 24, Town Clean Up Day, 9 a.m. - 2

p.m., Stop by town hall for supplies that day. Sign up at cleanup.tewksbury@gmail.com

Saturday, Sept. 24, Tewksbury Fire Department vs. Boston Renegades Beep Ball Charity game, Obdens Field, Livingston Street, Free family event.

Monday, Sept. 26, Alternative House Golf Classic, 8:30 a.m., Mount Pleasant Golf Club, Lowell, <https://alternative-house-annual-golf-outing.perfectgolfevent.com/>

Tewksbury KoC presents ventriloquist Kevin Driscoll

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Knights of Columbus presents entertainer and musical ventriloquist Kevin Driscoll on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022. Doors open at 6 p.m., show

starts at 8 p.m. Price per ticket is \$25. This includes a buffet, 50/50 raffle and cash bar.

Driscoll recently performed at the July 2022 International Ventriloquist

Convention. Other performing ventriloquists included Jeff Dunham and Darci Lynne, who recently won America's Got Talent and also performed on stage with Driscoll.

Tickets may be purchased at the Tewksbury Knights of Columbus or via Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/408326093337>.

Book Stew Review

'The Girls They Write Songs About' by Carlene Bauer

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Rose and Charlotte start out as rival writers for a counter-culture magazine, living frantic NYC it-girl lives in 1997, but find their mirror images in each other stomping on men's hearts, drinking too much, and fleeing their middle class childhoods and their destinies of becoming good suburban wives and mothers.

This is such a vivid recounting of their mistakes and their abilities to forgive the other more than themselves, their saving the juiciest parts and most difficult questions for their best friend, all the while

knowing that although their relationships with their husbands, children, and lovers may last, their golden best friendship will determine most of the decisions and the rules.

Women of that era, women of this era, any woman with an exciting and scary life before marriage or career commitment will find this novel to be a pulsating gem.

Quote: "It takes real work for a woman to sustain the creation of something outside herself that is not a child. Men don't walk around with a door inside them that they'll constantly have to worry about — should I shut it or keep it open?"

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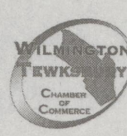
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OBITUARIES

Judith E. 'Judy' (McGuinness) Merchant

Worked for many years as a CNA

Judith E. "Judy" (McGuinness) Merchant passed away Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022 at Dartmouth Hitchcock with family by her side.

Judy was born on Christmas Eve, 1945 to Thomas and Genevieve McGuinness of Wilmington. She moved to Woburn after marrying Robert (Bob) J. Merchant on Sept. 11, 1964. While living in Woburn, they had three children: Cynthia, Mark and Vickie.

In 1976, the family moved to Fryeburg, Maine where they thrived amongst a community of incredible friends. After a couple years of living in Sebastian Florida's, they moved to West Lebanon, NH in 2006 to be closer to their grandchildren and children.

Bob and Judy were proud Gallery Gods; the fierce fan base of the Boston Bruins. Judy worked in health-care for many years as a CNA and her most treasured years were caring for

the community at Fryeburg Family Medicine on Main Street.

There was nothing more important to her than her family, her children and grandchildren and the friends she loved so dearly.

Judy is predeceased by her husband Robert, her brothers Richard McGuinness and Thomas (Spike) McGuinness, and brother-in-law Warren Brodeur.

Judy is survived by her three children: daughter Cindy Merchant of Hanover, NH and her children Ash Winberry and Ethan Winberry; son Mark Merchant, his wife Marcheta and their son Max of Piermont, NH; and daughter Vickie Merchant, her husband Eric Kenyon of Randolph Center, VT; sister Beverly Brodeur, of Salem, NH; sister-in-law Mary McGuinness of Methuen; cousin Gerard Bolton of Medford; as well her most beloved nieces and nephews and their



families.

A celebration of Judy's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at The Wilder House at Quail Hollow: 7 Fox Run Lane, West Lebanon, NH

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Judy's name to the Upper Valley Humane Society in Enfield NH.

In her final days, Judy spoke often of getting an emotional support cat when she returned home from the hospital and perhaps this could help someone else achieve her final wish: <https://uvhs.org>

Walter Isaac Scott

Served in the US Army during Korean War

Walter I. Scott, age 94, passed away at Lowell General Hospital - Saints Campus on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022.

Walter's wife, Lillian C. Scott, passed away March 20, 2016, after 64 years of marriage.

Walter was born in Woodbury, New Jersey, the son of the late Samuel J. and Bertha J. (Jones) Scott.

He graduated from Woodbury High School, Woodbury, New Jersey, and Bale Vocational School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1950, Walter enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served during the Korea War era and was awarded the Army Occupation Medal (Germany) for his active-duty service.

Walter worked for 20 years for RCA in drafting and data management and for 18 years for Raytheon as a manager of data management.

He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Tewksbury since their

family moved to Tewksbury from Arizona in 1965.

Walter enjoyed attending workshops at the Tewksbury Senior Center and treasured time spent with his family and church family.

Walter was the father of Dawn Boyce and her husband Charles, of Tewksbury, the late David W. Scott and his surviving wife Robin, of Lowell, Daniel Scott and his late wife Cheryl, of Derry, NH, Dale Scott and his wife Catherine, of Stanford, MT.

He was the grandfather of Randall Boyce and his wife Kimberly, Jennifer O'Leary and her husband Richard, Amy Campbell and her husband Joseph, Suzanne Kelley Scott and her spouse Elizabeth Kelley Scott, Shawn Scott and his wife Lauren, Carol Boissoneault and her husband Daniel, Cathleen Ineson and her husband Simon, Diane Greenwood and her husband Brandon, Jason Scott and his wife Cathy, Jill Barrett and her husband Ryan and the late



Christine Ann Scott.

Walter also leaves 21 great grandchildren.

Calling hours Wednesday, Sept. 7th, from 4-7 p.m. at the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee Street, Tewksbury. Funeral services will be Thursday, Sept. 8, at 10 a.m., at the First Baptist Church, 1500 Andover St., Rte. 133, Tewksbury. All are asked to please meet at the church. Interment to follow at St. Mary Cemetery, 90 River Road, Tewksbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Friends of the Elderly, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Take a hike in Tewksbury

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — As part of the Tewksbury Public Library's summer series Outdoor: Take A Hike Tewksbury, the library partnered with the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee to provide trail walks on the designated conservation parcels in town.

Walks were guided by Bruce Shick of the Open Space committee, and supported by Beautification Committee member and plant/tree expert Kathy MacInnis. Wildlife of Tewksbury's Peter Chase, also a member of the Open Space committee, was on hand, as was Karyn Sliva and member J.W. Buckley.

The 7-hike series included Rogers Park, the Bay Circuit Trail Connection, Pinnacle Street Trail, Chandler Well Fields at Chandler Street, Tewks-

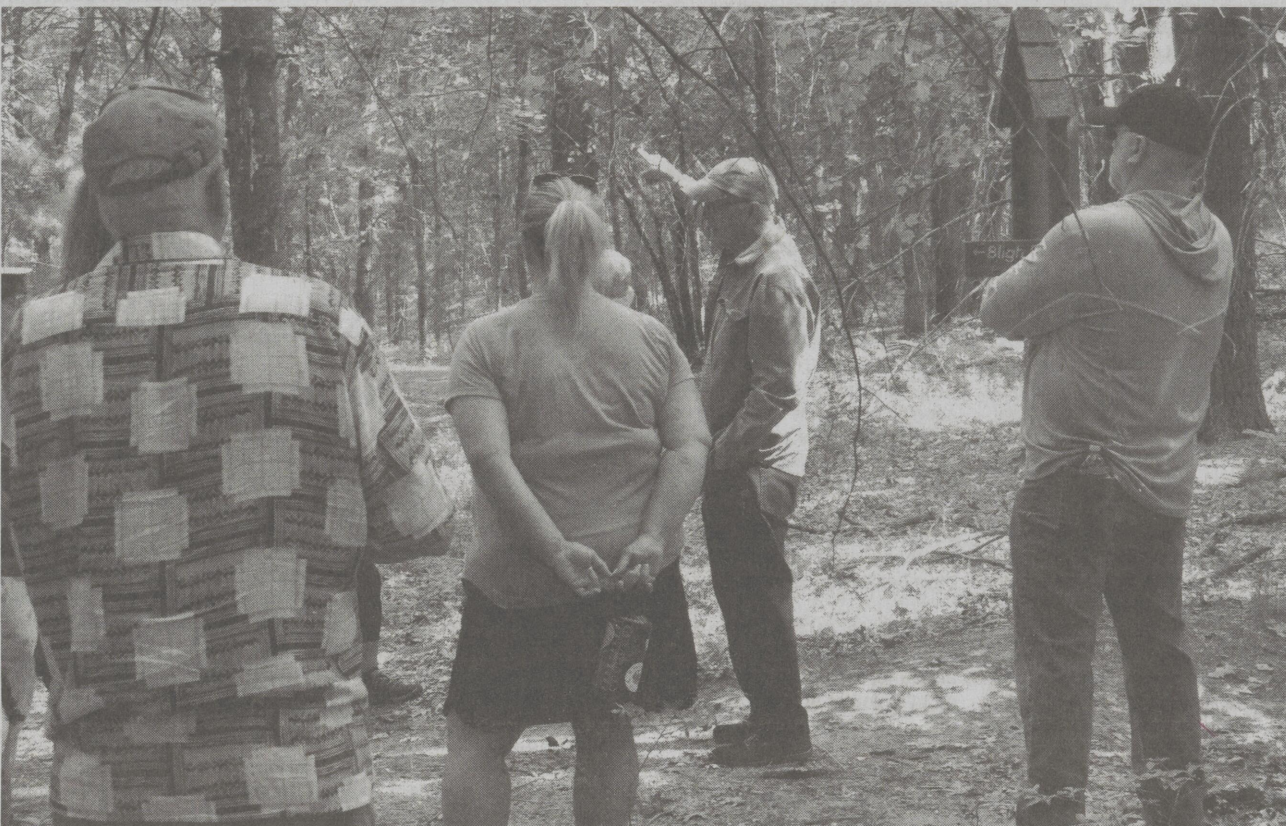
bury Hospital Pines Cemetery, Chandler Well Fields at Kevin Street, and Poplar Street Well Fields.

The Shawsheen Overlook was also included. All hikes were on Saturdays at 10 a.m. via registration through the library.

"We want people to get out and enjoy these spaces," said Shick.

The committee worked hard since 2013 to clean up trails and make the wooded areas accessible. There are rules and regulations that govern the parcels such as no ATVs, which destroy habitat and disturb wildlife, but residents are welcomed to take pictures, walk dogs on leashes, and enjoy the pockets of quiet in safe and friendly surroundings.

During the walks, member Karyn Sliva discussed the hobby of geocaching with participants and explained that several of the town's parks and open space have these little



▲ Bruce Shick provides an overview of the Pinnacle/RC Airfield area trails during the Take A Hike, Tewksbury series this summer, led by the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library. (Courtesy photos)

hidden treasures. Multiple locations also have letterboxes, a cousin to geocaching. Information may be found at geocaching.com or atlasquest.com, where finders can register for free and start their own adventure.

Sliva shared that she used one of the hikes to replace a recently "mugged" cache, a reference to a geocache that had been tampered with.

"An inquisitive person on the hike soon discovered the treasure," said Sliva, who noted the person was careful not to divulge the location to the group.

Member J.W. Buckley said, "It was a special opportunity to be able to discuss my ongoing project of a permanently installed, professional-caliber disc golf course on the Tewksbury State Hospital campus. It was a joy to walk the same trails I first explored as a boy, some 35 years ago, and answer questions about both the richness of the land's history and the promise of the land's future."

Plans for the course are in discussion, and would support the Open Space Plan as adopted in 2019.

Resident reaction to the walks was very positive.

New OSRC member JoAnn Brace said, "I was looking for places to walk and people to walk with.



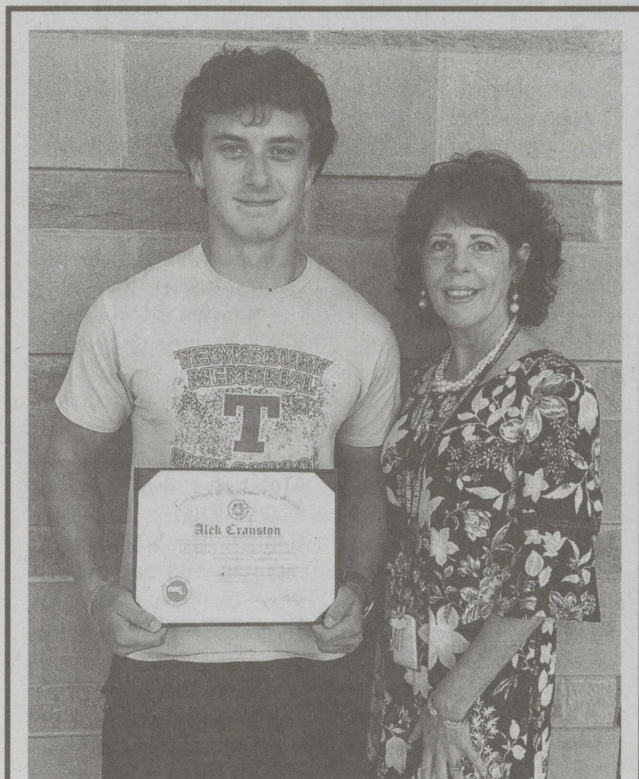
▲ The Pinnacle Trail Boardwalk, located between Pinnacle Street and East Street, was one of the features experienced on the trail walks this summer.

Someone told me the library was doing walks. I looked into it and soon discovered the walks were a part of the Open Space Committee. I have lived in town for 34 years and never knew Tewksbury had so much open space. After the second walk I knew I wanted to be a part of this committee. I want to be able to help to keep these spaces open."

Brace applied and was appointed to the committee this summer.

According to Robert Hayes, event organizer at the Tewksbury Public Library, the walks were a big success and there are plans for the committee to offer guided hikes in the

future. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to explore the parks on their own. Maps are available on the town website, and via QR code at trailheads, accessible with a mobile device.



Cranston receives Mass. Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence

Superintendent Brenda Theriault-Regan presents the Mass. Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence to TMHS 2022 Graduate Alek Cranston. Alek is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2022 and will be attending Northeastern University in the fall studying Engineering. (Courtesy photo)



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Community Market to feature teddy bear clinic

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Community Market is scheduled to host 30+ vendors and community groups at Livingston Street Park (288 Livingston St.), behind the Recreation Center, on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Sept. 8 market lineup includes:

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

- Alpacas from Everything Alpaca
- Teddy Bear Clinic with Tewksbury Fire Department

FARMS & MORE

- Farmer Palmer (garlic)
- Meta Microgreens (microgreens)

DINNER FOOD TRUCKS

- Beefie Boys (roast beef sandwiches & more)
- Empanada Dada (empanadas)
- Polish Prince Pierogi (pierogi)

SWEETS

- Cupcake City (cupcakes)
- Drive-By Pies (pies)
- Fudge 'n Stuff (fudge, candied nuts, salted & roasted cashews)
- Kona Ice (shaved ice)
- Purple Carrot Bread

Co. (breads, pastries)

- Sweets Bakery (cake pops, cookies and other baked confections)
- Whoopie Wagons (whoopie pies)

CAN'T MISS DRINK VENDORS

- Aaronap Cellars (wine)
- Flor de Café (cold brew coffee)
- Naturel Juicing (cold-pressed juices)
- The Stand (fresh squeeze lemonade)

CAN'T MISS FOOD VENDORS

- Beckah's Bangin' Butter (almond butter)
- Bittersweet Herb Farm (sauces, seasonings, oils, jams, balsamic vinegar)
- Code 1 BBQ (BBQ favorites)

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- Craic Sauce (hot sauces)
- Kiss The Cook (mac & cheese)
- Tewksbury Honey (honey)

ARTISANS, CRAFTERS & MORE

- Amy's She-Shed Creations (signs, glassware, wreaths, assortment of handmade items)
- Botany Flowers (flowers sold by the stem — make your own arrangements)
- Bracelets by Melissa (bracelets)
- Cogitation Zone (ceramics, art)
- KC Styles Accessories (handmade jewelry, scarves, hair accessories)

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Tewksbury Carnation
- Tewksbury Community Pantry
- Tewksbury Youth Football (calendar raffles)

Most vendors accept both cash and credit. Pleasant Valley Gardens Farm also accepts WIC, SNAP, EBT and all state and federal farmers market coupons.

Visit the Tewksbury Community Market's website at www.tewksburymarket.com to learn more. Follow the Tewksbury Community Market's Facebook (@TewksburyMarket), Twitter (@TewksburyMarket), and Instagram (@TewksburyCommunityMarket) for additional market updates throughout the season.

The Tewksbury Community Market is organized through the Tewksbury Public Library, in cooperation with several town departments, including the Community Development Department, Health Department and Town Manager's Office.

Have a question about the market? Contact Community/Economic Development Planner Alex Lowder at 978-640-4370 x 248 or alowder@tewksbury-ma.gov and Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or rhayes@tewksburypl.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION — HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 608774

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed (Route 38 Intersection Improvements) project in Lowell and Tewksbury, MA.

WHEN: 6:00 PM, Wednesday, September 14, 2022

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Route 38, Traffic Signal Improvements project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of Traffic Signal Improvements and Pedestrian Curb Ramps on various locations along Route 38 in Lowell and Tewksbury.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. MassDOT is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the meeting.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief

Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 608774. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the meeting is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TDD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This Live Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be hosted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Hugo J. Cruz of 338 Salem Rd. Billerica Ma. Who is the last registered owner of a 2016 Ram Promaster Vin number 3C6TRVAG2GE115039 that your vehicle will be sold at auction on or about 9-22-22 at Fred F Cain Inc. 10 Ranch Rd. Wilmington, Ma. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 26, 2022 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **MCP Howland Burrill Owner, LLC c/o Josh Berman** for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 and Modification to SPSP2020-05 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a warehouse building and associated parking, landscaping, stormwater management, and utilities as shown on plans filed with this Board with modifications to the previously approved plans.

Said property is located at **3, 3R, 4 Executive Place (Andover)**, Assessor's Map 115, Lot 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, zoned Industrial 1.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI22C0807CA

In the matter of:
Kristina Ferrero Meduna

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Kristina Ferrero Meduna of Wilmington MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree changing their name to:
Kristina Larson Ferrero

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/22/2022.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 25, 2022

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Register of Probate

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Said property is located at **434 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 22, Lot 69, zoned General Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson,
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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 26, 2022 at 7:10 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Sawyer Realty Holdings on behalf of EC Tewksbury LLC** for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 and Special Permit pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to convert the existing memory care facility to a 55+ congregate residence as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **2560 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 68, zoned South Village Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Carol Delsonno, Michael Delsonno to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated August 27, 2007 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21579, Page 44, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated May 1, 2014, and recorded with said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28231, Page 73 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on July 30, 2015, in Book No. 29286, at Page 231

Federal National Mortgage Association to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, recorded on April 25, 2018, in Book No. 32025, at Page 106

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on September 19, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 6 Edith Drive, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

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The land in Tewksbury, with the buildings thereon, being Lot 36 on Plan entitled "Robin Plain Acres (Section One)", dated April 6, 1954, made by Kenneth B. Oaks, Engineer, recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Plan Book 84, Plan 5, bounded: WESTERLY by Charlotte Road, eighty-nine and 49/100 (89.49) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by curving line forming the junction of said Charlotte Road and Edith Drive, twenty-eight and 54/100 (28.54) feet; SOUTHERLY by said Edith Drive, eighty-three and 73/100 (83.73) feet; EASTERLY by land of Phillips Farrington as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty-one and 28/100 (121.28)

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Tewksbury Cultural Council seeks funding/grant proposals online

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Cultural Council has set an Oct. 17, 2022 online application deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

The MA Cultural Council has opened the online application as of Sept. 1. ONLY online applications will be accepted this year. No paper forms will be accepted. Visit http://mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx for more information.

Here is the link to the Tewksbury Page at the MA Cultural Council website, with access to the ONLINE Application: <https://www.mass-culture.org/Tewksbury>

According to Council spokesperson Christian Panasuk, these grants can support a variety of cultural projects and activities in Tewksbury — including exhibits, festivals, concerts, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops, musical performances and lectures.

The Tewksbury Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

We estimate that the 2023 grant total will be approximately \$18,000! Previously funded projects include: Tewksbury's Festival of Trees, Tewksbury Trails Wild Flower Plantings, The Intersection Switch Box Art Project, The new planting boxes and shuffleboard upgrades at the Senior Center, High School theatrical, musical, and spoken-word performances.

Especially popular,

have been artist performances, outdoor concerts, programs for children and adults offerings hosted in Tewksbury locations including the public library and senior center and in our school system.

Robert Hayes, the Community Outreach Librarian, at the Tewksbury Public Library — shared these thoughts about the opportunity to apply annually for these funds:

"The Tewksbury Public Library has come to rely on the Tewksbury Cultural Council to provide critical funding for some of its most popular programs each summer. This summer, for example, the Council funded six outdoor concerts on the library's back lawn which attracted more than 2,800 attendees.

"The library honored some of the music industry's greatest all-time acts with wonderful performances by tribute bands, including the Beatles (4EverFab), Elvis Presley (Ray Guilmette Jr.), Jimmy Buffet (Island Castaways Band), Rod Stewart (Rich Larimore), Dave Matthews Band (The Crush Duo), and The Broken Heels performing pop and rock cover hits for 'Boomers to GenZ.' The library would not have been able to provide this popular summer concert series without the support of the Cultural Council."

Individuals with community service projects that would benefit the town culturally, in line with the guidelines and priorities listed on our council webpage, are also encouraged to apply.

For specific guideline questions and complete information on the Tewksbury Cultural Council, contact Christian Panasuk at 978-821-2335 or email us at tewksburyculturalcouncil@gmail.com

Link to the online application and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at: http://mass-culture.org/lcc_public_application_process.aspx



Tewksbury Police Log

Townsend man arrested for drug possession

Monday, August 29

11:37 a.m. - A 911 call for a loose pitbull at Livingston Street Park. Animal Control sent. Caller reported she has control of the dog at the softball field next to the skate park. The dog was picked up by the owner.

4:58 pm - A 911 caller reported there was a white pickup who was soliciting driveway service at Edward Street. Police sent and spoke to the caller. A male asked if she needed service, and when she stated no, he left. Police checked the area and did not find anything.

7:33 p.m. - A walk-in party's car had been egged overnight at Leicester Street. No damage to the vehicle and the female washed the egg off without incident. She wanted the incident documented.

Tuesday, August 30

9:25 a.m. - A car had been parked on Van Buren Road for two hours. Police sent and reported the vehicle parked on the road while they were having work done to their drive-

way.

12:06 p.m. - Call for a possible abandoned motor vehicle at Livingston Street Park. Police sent and reported this was a parking area. Caller was spoken to and he would be returning later to check on the vehicle.

9:44 p.m. - Loss prevention at Walmart reported shoplifters ran from the store. Police sent. Ashley Gorman, 31, of 23 Randolph Drive in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with possession class E drugs and possession class A drugs. Sean Horan, 25, of 241 Broadway Road in Dracut, was arrested and charged with possession class B drugs and shoplifting by concealing.

Wednesday, August 31

11:52 a.m. - Caller reported a female at Motel 6 said mean things to her. She requested an officer respond and ask the female to stay away from her. Police sent. All parties were spoken to and some words were exchanged.

Tuesday, August 30

3:48 p.m. - Caller reported two suspicious vehicles parked at Holiday Inn. Caller believed the occupants were smoking marijuana. Police sent. They checked the area and reported the parties were gone on arrival.

Thursday, September 1

6:09 a.m. - Caller reported a black vehicle was driving erratically on East Street and Whittemore Street, and was a reoccurring problem. Vehicle traveled from the area of Market Basket Warehouse toward Livingston Street. Police sent. They checked the area, but no sign of any vehicles driving erratically.

10:01 a.m. - A 911 call for a male who was parked in the fire lane who was possibly intoxicated at Walmart. Police sent. All units cleared. That party was just a little upset that he couldn't park in the fire lane while exchanging his propane tanks.

8:02 p.m. - Caller at K&S Fence and Contractors stated there was several construction vehicles that have constantly been ma-

king loud noises and using bright lights. Police sent. One of the parties was moving equipment around as they will be moving from that location.

Friday, September 2

8:57 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a suspicious male sat in a grey vehicle drinking his coffee at Tewksbury Sports Club. The male was sitting there every morning. Police sent and the party was gone on arrival.

1:50 p.m. - A suspicious act was going on at Stadium Plaza. Police sent and they reported the male locked his keys in his motor vehicle and attempted to gain entry.

3:11 p.m. - An elderly male had trouble with his motor vehicle at Oakdale Mall. Police sent and the vehicle will be parked there until further arrangements were made for it to be picked up. Officer filed a report.

3:35 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver pulled into McDonalds. Caller reported a black Kia that came back to a white

Nissan. Police sent but gone on arrival. They checked the surrounding area and were unable to locate the vehicle.

5:07 p.m. - A 911 call requested police assistance for an intoxicated male party laying down outside at Walgreens. Police sent. Male party was assisted with getting his prescriptions. All units cleared.

Saturday, September 3

1:16 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in front of his house at O'Loughlin Drive. Police sent and everything checked out OK.

6:30 a.m. - Caller reported a man in a hammock slept in his front yard at Navillus Road. Police sent. They reported subject would relocate. His information would be forwarded to Front Line Initiative.

11:55 a.m. - Loss prevention from Walmart reported an uncooperative shoplifter fleeing in the parking lot. Police sent. Norman Juliano, 47, of 1 River Place in Lowell, was arrested and charged with second offense of shoplifting by concealing, possession class E drugs, and a warrant for probation violation negligent operation.

Sunday, September 4

7:49 a.m. - Caller stated back door to bank appeared to be open at TD Bank North. Police sent and they did a walk through of the property and everything looks normal. They were able to secure back door and spoke to the alarm company via phone and they will be having a key holder respond. Officer reported he did a walk through and all appeared in order. Alarm company was contacted via cell phone and key holder would be responding.

1:35 p.m. - Caller from Trull Brook Golf Course reported a group of golfers causing a disturbance. Police sent and officer reported he spoke with the parties and would be on their way.

4:16 p.m. - A 911 caller reported two-car motor vehicle accident with airbag deployment at Main Street and Chandler Street. Police and ambulance sent. Kyle Spaulding, 22, of 52 Fitchburg Road in Townsend, was arrested and charged with possession class A drugs, two counts of possession class B drugs, four counts of possession class E drugs, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, speeding rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper, and assist citizen.



Wilmington Police Log

Several people summonsed with motor vehicle issues

Friday, August 26:

12:21 p.m.: An employee at a business on Ballardvale Street reported that there were five dead seagulls in the lot behind the old Holman's building.

4:14 p.m.: A caller at the Shell Gas Station on Main Street reported that she paid for gas with her card, but nothing came out. The attendant inside reportedly refused to help while the caller attempted to pump again, resulting in a hold on her card. When police arrived and the caller showed the issue, the gas began to pump.

5:25 p.m.: Jameson C. B. Cardillo of 3 Abington Ave., Apartment #2 in Peabody was issued a summons for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (Subsequent Offense) and Failure to Wear a Seatbelt. This followed a stop of the party's red 2020 Honda Civic on Church Street.

Saturday, August 27:

1:05 a.m.: Seneida Beltre of 86 Avalon St., Apartment #1 in Lawrence was issued a summons for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and Speeding in Violation of a Special Regulation. This followed a stop and tow of the party's white 2008 Honda CR-V on Bal-

lardvale Street.

2:54 p.m.: A walk-in party reported that a group of juveniles were on the baseball field on Adelaide Street and hitting balls over the fence and into the playground area. Police spoke to the group, who agreed to move to a larger baseball field.

10:51 p.m.: A caller on Canal Street reported that an unknown person was in their camper in the driveway of the residence, with such an incident having become a daily occurrence. Police arrived on the scene, but were unable to locate anyone in the area.

Sunday, August 28:

7:14 a.m.: A caller on Middlesex Avenue reported that water was coming up from the road near the culvert project, with police arriving and confirming that a pump was dislodged. The DPW and construction company were contacted and responded.

8:22 a.m.: A caller on Bruning Road reported that a coyote was in their driveway, possibly after having attacked a dog from up the street. Police responded and spoke to a resident of Second Avenue who reported that their dog chased the coyote into the woods. The coyote was not able to be removed or relocated.

11:24 p.m.: Mayeva Joseph of 2901 Pouliot Pl. was issued a summons for Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, License Not in Possession, and Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended or Revoked Registration. This followed a tow of the party's gray 2002 Honda Accord on Main Street, during which the plates were confiscated.

Monday, August 29:

9:31 a.m.: Security at Winchester Family Medical Center on Salem Street reported that a child was in a van in the lot, with the adult sleeping or passed out inside. By the time police arrived, they found the vehicle had left the area.

12:06 p.m.: Police received a report of a dispute between neighbors on North Street over a fence being installed. Officers arrived and informed both

parties that the matter was a civil one. One involved party had reached out to a surveyor to resolve the issue, but was unsure on the date.

Tuesday, August 30:

1:23 a.m.: Domenic Santuosso Tarantino of 42 Summer St. in Saugus was arrested for OUI - Liquor and Speeding in Violation of a Special Regulation. The party's black 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee was towed on Lowell St. and I-93 Southbound Ramp 31 and the prisoner was later bailed.

9:19 a.m.: A caller at RMA Fitness on Burlington Avenue reported that two dogs were in a gray 2019 Chevy Tahoe with the windows barely opened, further stating that the owner does so all the time.

1:32 p.m.: A black 2005 Nissan Maxima was stopped by police on Shaw-

sheen Avenue and towed. The operator of the vehicle was issued citations for Uninsured Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Revoked/Suspended License, Following Too Closely (2nd citation), and a Restricted Way Violation. The driver refused a ride home from police.

Wednesday, August 31:

7:40 a.m.: Edcleide Gomes Bezerra Armond of 15 Heritage Lane, Apartment #A7 in Leominster was issued a summons for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. This followed a motor vehicle collision between the party's black 2015 Ford Edge and a guardrail on I-93 Northbound Ramp 35. An airbag was deployed and Mass Highway was notified to clean an oil spill.

12:09 p.m.: A caller at CVS on Main Street reported that a party was digging through the dumpster of the business in the parking lot. Police arrived and advised the party to check with the business before doing so in the future before allowing him to carry on.

3:31 p.m.: A caller on Lake Street reported that a swan was in the middle

of the roadway with its beak stuck to its foot. Upon further inspection, the swan was found to be stuck with a fishing lure, with the Animal Control Officer freeing the bird, dressing its wounds, and sending it on its way.

Thursday, September 1:

9:43 a.m.: Police checked on a possibly abandoned gray 1999 Ford Econoline E-350 in the parking lot of the Colonial Mall on Lowell Street, as a nearby restaurant was concerned that someone was living out of it. Police determined it was only being used for storage and that it was up to the property owner to remove it.

8:05 p.m.: A broken manhole cover was reported on Church Street and Adams Street. Responding police found a loose manhole cover and a piece of another before calling DPW to help. DPW reported they had already been to the scene, having replaced the broken cover with an old, loose one that would fit. They were scheduled to replace the cover the next morning, but did so before in fear the temporary one would not last the night.

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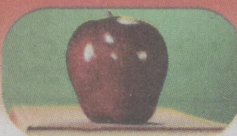
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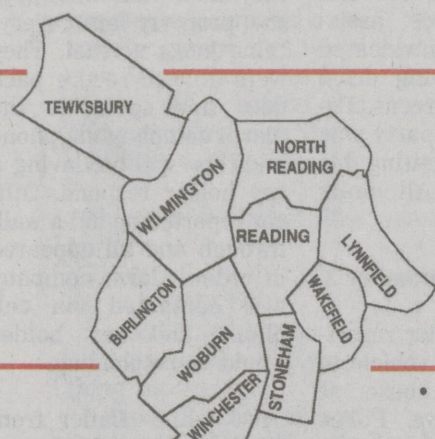
Officer Hanley and Officer Waffles making friends while making rounds

School Resource Officer Hanley & Officer Waffles enjoyed this beautiful fall-like weather, with their new 7th grade friends, during lunch recess. (Courtesy photo)



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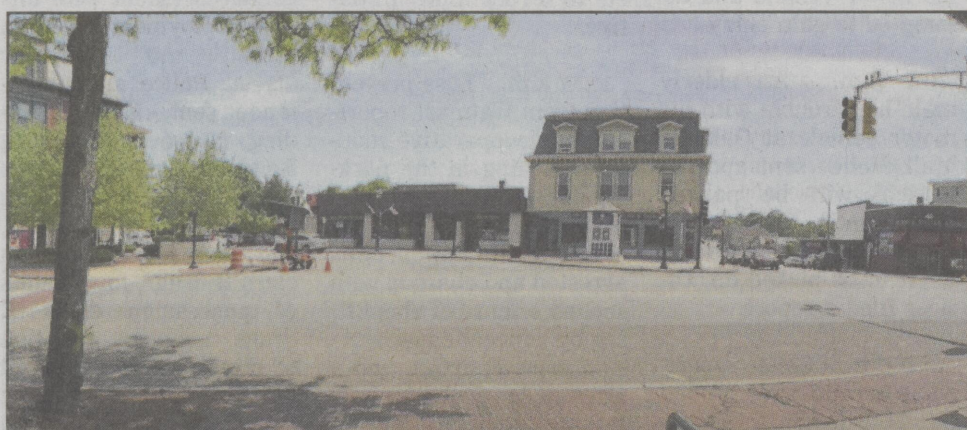
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Town officials pitch pedestrian-friendly vision for Stoneham Square

By PATRICK BLAIS



SQUARE ROOTS - Above, a current view of Stoneham Square, complete with its extremely wide and hard to cross intersections. Below is a proposed redesign with street narrowing and safety bump-outs. (Courtesy photo/graphic)

During an era when citizens shared packed dirt roads with horse-and-buggies and a handful of first-generation cars, Stoneham citizens had plenty of space to roam about its historic downtown area.

But with those wide multimodal dirt boulevards since converted into a sea of pavement to accommodate the exploding popularity of modern day automobiles, which whiz up and down Route 28 by the thousands each day, Stoneham Square business owners and customers alike say pedestrians have been crowded out of the commercial hub.

Thankfully, according to various town officials and a team of design consultants from Stantec, there's plenty of pavement to reclaim from the busy traffic corridor to

bring some vitality back to the downtown hub.

Earlier this summer, Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan explained that he and Town Planning Director Erin Wortman had recently submitted to state transportation officials a proposed downtown redesign that would widen sidewalks and expand open-space areas by the junction of Main Street, Franklin Street, and Central Street in the heart of Stoneham Square.

Proponents of the economic development plan say that by carving out more appropriately sized travel lanes and expanding sidewalk areas along Main and Franklin Streets, the town can establish new business streetscapes and public gathering spaces for outdoor dining and community events while

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

In 'Honk for Jesus,' a megachurch mockumentary



CHURCH MEETING - Regina Hall, left, and Sterling K. Brown in "Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul." from Focus Features.
(Steve Swisher/Focus Features via AP)

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Regina Hall and Sterling K. Brown give fully committed performances in "Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul," so why does the film lack faith in itself?

"Honk for Jesus," Adamma Ebo's directorial debut based on her own short film, is centered on a pair ripe for parody: Pastor Lee-Curtis Childs (Brown) and his loyal wife, Trinitie (Hall), leaders of an Atlanta-area Southern Baptist megachurch called Wander to Greater Paths. It takes about half a minute to realize Childs' spiritual center is more designer label than Deuteronomy.

Showing off their closets, Lee-Curtis gives thanks for being "blessed with some beautiful Prada."

After a quick montage of brighter days for Wander to Greater Paths, "Honk for Jesus" catches up with the pastor and his wife on the heels of a scandal that has emptied their congregation of 25,000. Their faces are still bright, though, as they welcome a documentary crew outside the church to chronicle their revival, leading up to an Easter reopening. When Lee-Curtis steps in chewing gum and Trinitie asks the camera-woman to edit around that, she gets no reply.

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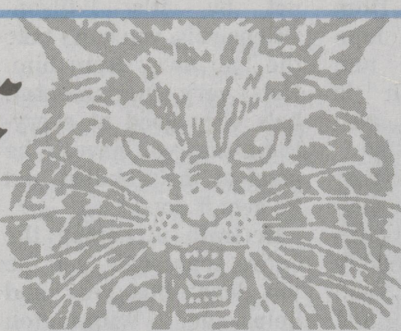
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WHS Field Hockey Preview

With two returners, Wildcats sticking to a winning plan

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WILMINGTON - Over the last decade or so, when it comes to female sports at Wilmington High, minus girls soccer, the field hockey team has been the model of consistency. The Wildcats usually win 8-to-10 games, add in a few ties, make the state tournament and just are a competitive, well-rounded team year-in and year-out.

Last year, the 'Cats finished one game under .500, but still made the new statewide playoff system, losing in

the first round to Bishop Stang to finish 7-9-3 overall. Certainly that was a successful season considering the fact that team was made up of 16 players, 14 of them seniors and of those 14 a handful had never had varsity experience.

Now a year later, the two holdovers from last year's team, Ava DeProfio and Carina O'Donnell are the two-captains of a 16-member squad that consists of ten other seniors and four juniors, all up from the JV team. This time all but two players on the roster have not played in a varsity game yet, but head coach Leanne Ebert, now in her 10th season with 92 wins which ranks

second in program history, believes that there's certainly enough with this group to keep that winning tradition and model of consistency going for another year.

"It's a newer varsity team. They're not young, but (are mostly inexperienced). What I like about this team is they are here and ready to go. They are on the ball so those little things that you have to instill at the beginning of each year, we don't have to worry about. They are here and ready to play, are focused and driven so what more can you ask for? So now all we have to do is build off of their skill-level," she said. "As far as the teamwork and the want and

FIELD HOCKEY B6W

Has overcome adversity and major injury and now eager to play

The time is now for Captain Joey Kullman

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WILMINGTON - When last year's football season came to an end, head coach Craig Turner knew that he would be losing a lot of senior players and a lot of two-way players. While those players were taking their game experience with them along with their caps-and-gowns, there would also be holes in the locker room and the huddles, in terms of leadership.

When the season was officially completed, the holdover players voted for captains, and two guys were clearly the frontrunners, Peter LeBlanc and Joey Kullman. For Kullman, some could view that as a surprise since he didn't see the field much as a junior, but others such as Turner, were not surprised at all.

"It's unique for a kid (to be named captain) - (and although he) was as tough as he was and was a great special teams player for us - being honest, he didn't play a lot for us (last year) on Friday nights. It shows you what his teammates think of him that they voted him a captain,"

said Turner. "There's other kids from (last year's) junior class who played on the varsity team and Joey was by far, along with Peter, the leading vote getters for captains. It wasn't even close. That says a lot about what Joey means to them and what they think of him. I'm just proud of him and really happy for him. He's a great kid, who has great parents. His parents are awesome. I'm excited to see him play on Friday nights."

Perhaps one of the many reasons why Kullman was named a co-captain is because of the way he has handled all of the ups and downs that he's been through over his first three years in the program.

"That spring (COVID) season (when Joey was a sophomore), all of the freshmen and sophomores would get together and then all of the juniors and seniors would play together and that's just how they did it in the Middlesex League, so Joey was down with the sophomores," explained Turner. "They didn't have a single kid

KULLMAN B5W



The Wilmington High School Football team will open its season on Saturday morning when they travel to Medford High to take on Arlington Catholic in a non-league game. Head Coach Craig Turner is back for his sixth season and will look to captains, Joey Kullman (left) and Peter LeBlanc (right) to lead the way on and off the field.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

WHS Football Preview

Hitting the Gridiron

Coach Turner still trying put pieces together

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WILMINGTON - Last year's football season was a lot of fun. The Wildcats won six games, including one in the playoffs, knocked off Wakefield in double overtime, had a strong comeback against Woburn that fell short, and put up great efforts and points against teams like Foxboro and

Tewksbury.

That being said almost that entire team is gone. Sixth-year head coach Craig Turner was asked last Thursday to sum up how the team looked thus far.

"We look green as grapes," he said with a laugh. "We look green as grapes and I can't say that enough. We're changing a different kid's position every day. It's more

about finding out what they can do and how it fits with what we want to do," said Turner. "We're replacing a lot of guys. You always kind of have ideas in your head of who can do what going into it, but it never goes that way. That being said, they are a good hard-working group. They are a lot different than last year's group. Last year's group, I don't want say not

coachable, but they do what to do and kind of just handled business. These guys here really, really take to coaching. They want to get coached, so it's been a lot of fun with these guys so far."

While collectively as a team Turner says they are "green as grapes", one real positive sign is that the offensive and defen-

FOOTBALL B5W

WHS Girls Soccer Preview

Younger line-up heading in the right direction

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WILMINGTON - All streaks have to come to an end at some point.

Last year, the Wilmington High School Girls' Soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 7-8-5, which included going 1-1 in the new statewide tournament. The 'Cats knocked off South High Community School of Worcester, before losing to the eventual Division 2 state finalist, Silver Lake Regional. The 'Cats overall record ended a streak of ten straight years with a winning mark, including eight league titles during that stretch.

While the team did slip under the .500 mark, there were so many great high-

lights from the 2021 season. Then senior Audrey Curdo was named to the All-State team, the second straight year a Wildcat player has been honored by such an award, following Amber Flynn from the year before. Alyssa Granara was named to the Eastern Mass second team for the second straight year after she closed out her marvelous career with 44 goals and 10 assists, falling seven points away from breaking Hall of Famer Lindsay Bruno's all-time mark of 60.

Certainly there were a lot of highlights last year, and with that, ten seniors have graduated, leaving a lot of open spots for this year's team.

"We lost half of our team

GIRLS SOCCER B7W



The Wilmington High School Girls Soccer team opened the season on Wednesday against Reading and will look for leadership from its three captains from left, Danielle Baldi, Cameron Foresythe and Jessica Collins.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

McGrath directing soccer team to a fresh start

By JAMIE POTE
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WILMINGTON - Two years ago, Aidan McGrath was standing on the grass field at the North Intermediate School and he was asked about playing with his younger brother Dillon for the first time. He responded by saying how great it was, before adding, "I know he has the potential to be an impactful player."

While Dillon came off the bench as a sophomore reserve player during that abbreviated COVID season, he certainly showed glimpses of being that impactful player that season, as well as last year.

Take for instance the team's tenth game of last season. Wilmington paid a visit to Arlington for a Middlesex League cross-over game. The Spy Ponders were one of the top Division 1 teams in the state at the time, who were led by Eric Widrick, arguably the best goalie in the state last year. At the time of the game, he had given up just two goals in nine games, posting six shut outs in the first eight. McGrath and company gave Arlington all it could handle throughout that entire game. Wilmington, a team that didn't win a single game all season, trailed 1-0 until the 55th minute when McGrath took a direct kick from 20 yards out and buried it. That tally stunned Widrick and the Spy Ponders and it tied the game up at 1-1. Nine minutes later, Arlington, who finished the regular season unbeaten, defeated Wilmington, by a 2-1 score.

Widrick, who finished the season with 13 shut outs, was named the Middlesex League Liberty Division MVP and was named to the All-State Team, received a Division 1 college scholarship and is now the starting goalie at Colgate University as a freshman.

Entering this senior season, McGrath is one of the Wildcats' captains. Head coach Steve Scanlon is hoping to see his center-midfielder bury more chances like that one starting with Wednesday's opener against Reading (results not known as of presstime).

"Dillon's a good player. He knows the game well, has good skills, he's good on the ball and he's very good at the dead ball stuff - he takes direct kicks well," said Scanlon. "That kid (Widrick) is starting at Cornell, on a scholarship, and in last year's game Dillon beat him on a direct kick. We scared them that day, it was a 1-1 game with eight minutes to go.

"Dillon's a good, positive leader. He's one of our captains. He's a quiet leader, but is a positive

kid and has been around soccer for a long time. This is his third year on the varsity, so he's experienced, he has good skills and technique, he knows the game so we're hoping he can put that whole package together this year."

That whole package doesn't necessarily mean just finding the back of the net. It's also about leadership, and helping the entire team find some victories. Last year was certainly grueling as the 'Cats finished 0-15-3. That being said, from the opening second of the first match of the season to the final whistle of the last match, the Wildcats never stopped hustling, giving it their all and pushing for that first victory. It didn't happen, but at least the players kept their dignity. "Nobody likes losing obviously. We just have such a great bond with one another. We never let our morale get down. We kept playing as hard as we could. There was no reason to put our heads down. We faced tough teams before, but this year we're definitely expecting to win a couple of games at minimum," said Dillon after last Thursday's practice while standing on the same grass field at the North as his brother did.

The 'Cats lost four players off last year's team, and bring back a ton of juniors and seniors, who now have one year of experience under their belts while playing in the gruesome Middlesex League. "We've been playing with the same team, basically it was the same team from last year but we lost a couple of good seniors," he said. "We're looking to keep the momentum kind of going. We've been playing together for a while. We didn't have the most successful season last year, but I feel that kind of helps us a little bit. We're here practicing every day, the same kids.

"(Last year) was tough. I'm not sure if this is true, but I heard that we were the youngest team in the league. We had a lot of new kids last year but it's obviously evident that after the spring season, we definitely have gotten better. We have grown together, we're better with teamwork, so we should be able to keep it together this season."

In order to win this year, the 'Cats will have to score, and not put so much pressure on its defense and goalie Cooper Liosel, who hopefully can avoid thinking that perfection is the only way to a crooked number into the left hand column.

"Our defense is definitely our strength and strong point. Our offense has been very inconsistent, but I think there will be

games that we can definitely put it all together and score some goals," said McGrath. "I think we should be able to generate more offense. Dom Feeney is very good, John McNamara also and Jonathan Foresyth is returning and he's also very good."

Generating some of that offense will come the center part of the field with McGrath and his buddy Ryan Willson, who will take up the attacking and defensive center-midfield spots.

"We have been playing together since we were little kids. He's very good at attacking and I can also play a little bit of defense so if he gets the ball and moves forward, I can slide

back for him," said McGrath. "Playing with him is great and he's solid. If there's one kid on the team who you can't get by, it's Willson. Offensively, you can't take the ball away from him. He's very fundamental, he's very good at everything that you have to be good at, he's skilled and he gets it done."

McGrath is hoping the entire team can 'get the job done' this year and help get Wilmington Soccer back on its feet, to be a contender in the league, a playoff team and just be that pain in the butt team that no one wants to face.

"I'd love to score a million goals in every game, but realistically, I don't

focus that much on individual goals accomplishments. Say I win MVP and our team doesn't win a single game, what's the point of that? My goal is for us to make the playoffs. We want to make it to the playoffs and if we can, make a little run in it. Individually, I'll just do what I have to, to get us there."

And if that happens, and the 'Cats land back on their feet because of the impact that McGrath has made on and off the field, it was older brother Aidan - who is at Fairfield University studying sports journalism - who made that call two years ago.

"(Aidan and I have) always gotten along so

well. We had never played on the same team, so (two years ago) was really a great experience," said Dillon. "That was the weird COVID year with all of the different rules, but the team actually played pretty well that season. Obviously I grew up with him and all of his friends, so they were all on the team, so it was a good team environment, similar to what we have now.

"He's my best friend. I'm definitely lucky to say that our parents grew us up in a way that we definitely had to rely on each other. There's nobody I'd rather have on my side than my brother. He's the best."



The Wilmington High School Boys Soccer team is hoping to get back to its winnings ways this season behind tri-captains from left, Ryan Willson, Cooper Liosel and Dillon McGrath. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

WHS Boys Soccer Preview

After taking their lumps, 'Cats aspiring to get over the humps

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WILMINGTON - When Wilmington High Athletics left the Cape Ann League for the Middlesex League, it was thought that there would be a few programs that would struggle against the new competition. In soccer, the girls have done remarkably well, and the boys soccer team started off on the same path, qualifying for the state tournament in each of its first four years before falling on hard times over the past six seasons, excluding the abbreviated COVID season in 2020.

Counting the final season in the Cape Ann League and the first four in the ML, the boys team combined for a record of 59-21-21. But over the last six seasons, the 'Cats have gone 20-69-9, including going winless last year at 0-15-3, while posting one win the previous full season in 2019. Wilmington has not gone to the state tournament since 2014. Before that it was basically an automatic bid every year.

In terms of the final record, last year was not fun whatsoever. More often than not, Wilmington struggled against the bigger, stronger, more skilled ML teams, whose overall depth and experience became too much for the 'Cats, who had almost a rookie player in every position on the field. Of the 13 different teams the 'Cats faced last year, 10 went on to the playoffs - only Burlington, Winchester and Tewksbury didn't. That being said, the Wilmington players always fought - never gave up and showed so much heart and desire

from the start of the season until the very end.

Now comes this year. The 'Cats lost four players from last year's team and bring back a handful of kids with a year of varsity experience under their belts, but also a handful of seniors, who are up from the JV team and will be playing varsity for the first time. Head coach Steve Scanlon is always 'cautiously optimistic' during pre-season days, but believes this year's team is certainly already significantly better than it was at this time a year ago.

"We are a year more experienced. Last year we took our lumps and we were really young with a lot of first-year kids starting," said Scanlon. "Although we have a big group of seniors this year, they are all playing at the varsity level for the first time. We're bigger and stronger."

The optimism starts from the back. Senior Cooper Liosel has the lock on the keeper position. A solid athlete, he brings a few things to the table.

"Cooper is the lone goalie with Remy (Elliott) as our emergency back-up, which is a tough spot to be in," said Scanlon. "Cooper is good in the net, so we're hoping for good things from him. He came on last year, he has a good foot, he's brave and comes to get balls and he has a good knack for when to come. (In the scrimmage against Chelmsford), he made a couple of good saves. Their Coach (Chris Scanlon) commented after the scrimmage that Cooper played well."

In front of captain Liosel are some experienced full-backs with juniors Ethan Kennedy, Remy Elliott and Aidan Burke, while

also coming back with some experience includes seniors Matt Steinmetz and Patrick LeBlanc, and junior Charlie Rosa, who could also see some time in the midfield. Adding depth in the back will be seniors Gilberto DaSilva and Charlie Maiella.

The team's midfield, center in particular, has the potential of being strong with seniors Ryan Willson and Dillon McGrath, who are the other two captains. One of the outside spots will go to junior John McNamara, who has opened up a lot of eyes thus far, while also in the mix will be seniors Tom Sica, Mark Donovan, Lukas Charini and Austin Farrell as well as junior Ben Marvin.

Upfront the team seems to have more depth than in the past years, but the million dollar question is who will score the goals? The strikers will consist of seniors Dominic Feeney and Moiad Said with juniors Michael Oatis, Dan Langunilla and Ben Marvin.

"We're hoping Dillon will score some goals, Danny will score, Dom looks like he can score a bit and all of the (strikers) have the potential to score some goals," said Scanlon. "John McNamara can score and he can play both midfield and forward, so we're hoping (we improve there). Maybe we can move the ball around a little bit more? We struggled to score last year and that could very well be the case again this year. When you play in the Middlesex League, you are only going to get a handful of chances to score, so you do have to be opportunistic."

Scanlon was asked if he has changed things up at practice so the team is more offensive minded.

"We're going to try to work on more offensive stuff as we go along. We are looking at some different formations. We really don't know what we're going to play as of now. We've been very defensive the last couple of years because we had to. A lot of that will depend upon our opponent," he said.

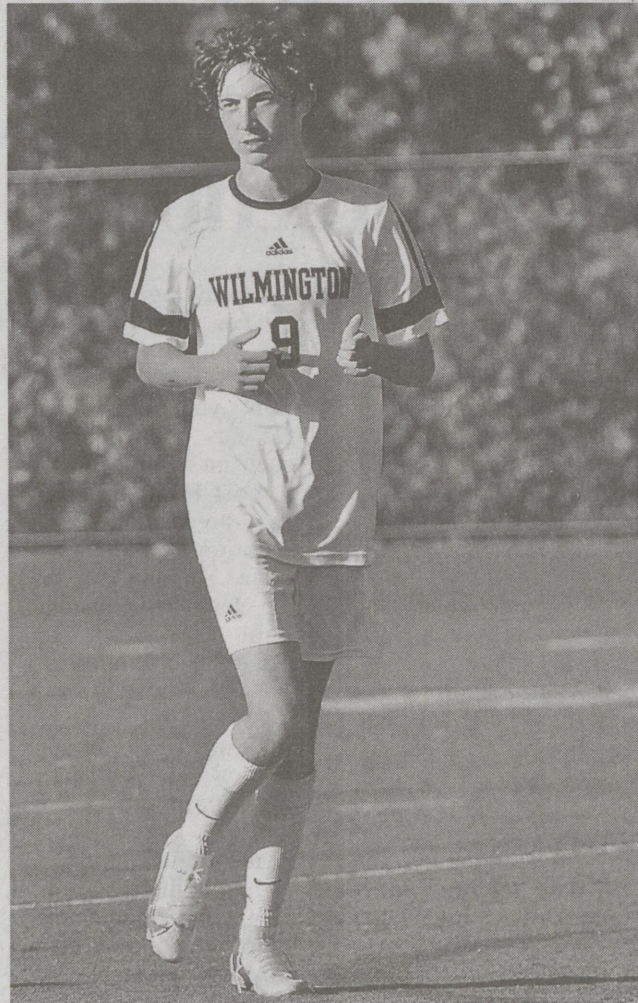
At the time of the interview, the 'Cats had only scrimmaged Chelmsford, and had upcoming battles with Lynnfield and North Reading. Scanlon liked what he saw in the Chelmsford contest.

"We held our own (ending in a scoreless tie). They had a surge, we had a surge and it wasn't one of those games where we created nothing (offensively) so that was uplifting a little," said Scanlon.

Wilmington will open the season against Reading on Thursday (pushed back from its original Wednesday date) for a 4:15 pm start at the North Intermediate. After that comes games against fellow Middlesex League Liberty Division teams with a road trip to Winchester on Monday and then hosting Arlington on Wednesday.

As always, the 'Cats will face those three teams along with Lexington, Woburn and Belmont once each and then Freedom Division opponents Wakefield, Stoneham, Watertown, Melrose and Burlington twice each. In addition will be two non-league games with old Merrimack Valley Conference rivals Tewksbury and Billerica.

"We open every season cautiously optimistic, but like it is every year, it's an uphill climb for us in the Middlesex League," said Scanlon.



Dillon McGrath, shown during last year's season, is hoping to do anything he can to help the Wildcats get into the win column. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

Coach Donoghue preaching for more toughness

Volleyball team hoping to block out mental lapses

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WILMINGTON - A year ago at this time, the Wilmington High School girls' volleyball team was gearing up for what was supposed to be a successful year in terms of wins and losses with the hope of getting into the state tournament for the first time since 2004. Although that did happen - solely based on the strength of their schedule - the team didn't perform as well as it had hoped, finishing with an overall record of 4-17, which included a first round playoff loss to Medfield in the new statewide tournament.

That being said, the team's inconsistent play throughout the season certainly had a lot to do with the disappointing number of victories, but to no fault of their own, the Wildcats had an absolutely brutal schedule. It will be that way again this upcoming fall starting with Tuesday's season opener against Arlington Catholic with results not known as of presstime.

This year's 20-game schedule features 15 different teams and all but one (Watertown) made it to the state tournament a year ago. Ipswich, a non-league opponent this year, won the Division 4 state championship title, while Melrose went to the Final 4 in Division 2. In D1, Winchester, Arlington, Belmont and Lexington, as well as two non-league teams this season, Lynn Classical and Medford all competed in the playoffs, as did D2 foes Woburn, Burlington, Wakefield and Reading, and finally AC and Stoneham in D4.

Now take into account that this year's Wilmington team is replacing almost the entire line-up from last year, which makes the hill that much steeper to climb.

"For the most part, we have between two and four starters returning and seven players with varsity experience back,"

said head coach Lauren Donoghue.

Donoghue was out all of last year - but came back for the playoff loss - on maternity leave. Katie Cosgrove filled in on an interim basis and this year she returned to Austin Prep, but now as the team's head coach.

That leaves Donoghue back in charge with no varsity assistant, and she has a team that's hungry to compete, despite so much varsity inexperience.

"We have four seniors this year which is good," Donoghue continued. "We are definitely in a building phase, program wise. There were several girls last year who at least had club experience and the nice part about this team this year is many more of them were brought up to varsity based on the fact that they did play club in the off-season. That's a huge asset, but with that being said, there's also the component that we are still young."

While the varsity roster will have a lot of new faces, the good thing is this program is soaring ever since Donoghue took over. There were close to 50 girls out for the program, and the majority of them played club during the off-season which was unheard of before she arrived here.

"This is the first time that we've had a true JV A team, so it's all sophomores with the exception of two freshmen. To me that shows the true commitment from these younger kids, who are taking club serious, taking the off-season serious. We had 18 sophomores register which is huge," said Donoghue.

A big problem during last year's season - and the ones before that with previous coaches - is Wilmington would be competitive in a set, hit a rough patch and never be able to get out of it. Donoghue knows that the mental toughness aspect to the game vastly needs to be upgraded this season if the 'Cats want to survive game-in and

game-out.

"Last year we struggled with lack of communication (at times) and then everyone would just shut down," she said. "That's always been a struggle. You get in a funk, like someone serves five balls in a row and we can't get out of our own way. I think a big part of this for the captains will be about pulling other people out of those funks, because volleyball is such a mental game. A kid like Maria (Cummings) has great energy on and off the court but not every kid has that."

This year's team will be led by the two senior captains, setter Mia Vestal and middle hitter Maddie McCarron. The latter is the team's best overall player - a powerful hitter in the middle, who stands in at 6-foot-1. She really came on towards the second half of last year's season, really putting together some dominating performances.

"Maddie is definitely our strongest offensive player. Things have connected for her, especially in the past year," said Donoghue.

"The big thing for her is connecting with the setter with Mia or whether that be Gabby (Kulevich) at times, it's being able to tell the setter what she needs for a set, so she can deliver and execute a hit."

Last year, the team's back row defense for the most part was really spectacular throughout the season. The offense though just couldn't get it all together on a consistent basis.

"It's going to be interesting offensively, like it was last year," expressed the coach. "It's going to come down to some mental toughness in certain situations and relying on our athletic ability. Sofia Scalfani is a very athletic kid and she plays softball. I would say the same thing about (left-handed hitter) Gabby (Kulevich). She's a great defensive player and played a ton of defense for us last year. (It's no secret that) we need hitters. That was a problem last year and



The co-captains of the WHS Volleyball team includes from left, Maddie McCarron and Mia Vestal. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

even the season before that as we had just two offensive players."

Besides McCarron, junior Annabelle Lozzi (6-foot-2), who is up from the JV team, will also be a middle hitter, while Shaylan Bresnahan (5-8) will be an outside hitter as she returns as a letterwinner. Sofia Scalfani will be an outside or right side hitter. Then in the back row, it'll be Maria Cummings, Sabrina Gray and Kulevich. Also in the mix in different spots will be Madison Benoit, Sophia LaVita and Sloane McIntyre, as well as Anna Jancsics, a transfer from Arlington Catholic.

"The nice thing about some of these defensive players, take this girl Sabrina (Gray) for example, she said last year that her goal was to make the varsity team (this season)," explained

Donoghue. "That is the mindset that I want every single kid in this program to have because it shows that they care and that they want to get better. They are coachable and when you give them information and intelligence for the game, they do something with it."

After the opener with AC, Wilmington will be at Reading on Thursday before coming back home on Monday to face Winchester at 5:15.

"I think the beginning of the season is going to be challenging. We need to get everyone acclimated," said Donoghue. "We're going to need to weed out what we don't need, the potential errors, finding people's strengths and learn how to pull out of a sticky situation. We have to find that mental toughness on the court which will be the biggest thing,

to be able to pull yourselves out of being down. I'm not talking about winning every match, but staying in it and not getting smoked by teams that shouldn't (smoke us)."

"I am looking forward to this season, and so glad to be back. It was good to observe a bit more last year."

Wilmington was defeated by Arlington Catholic 3-0 (25-13, 30-28 and 25-17) in the season opener. Maddie McCarron finished just shy of double figures in kills and played 'awesome defensively', according to Donoghue. Sofia Scalfani played aggressively on the outside and Shaylan Bresnahan also played well in the losing effort, said the coach.

Vestal is not so quiet when she is setting up

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WILMINGTON - A big part of the game of volleyball is communication. Over the course of time, that's one area that the Wilmington High Wildcats have struggled with. Well, co-captain Mia Vestal will most likely end that struggle.

"I'm not quiet," she said with a big laugh. "I'm Italian and so is my mom (Grace). (Talking a lot and being loud is) how she brought me up."

Last year, Vestal was one of the 'loud' players cheering her teammates on from the bench. She didn't play as much as she would have liked as the team had a roster full of experienced seniors. This year all of that will change. She will be the team's setter and probably will never come off the court.

"Mia has a ton of energy and she has the ability to shake things off," said head coach Lauren Donoghue. "She's not super hard on herself. She can take criticism and she can adjust well. I think her leadership transfers well for setting and being that quarterback of the offense is important."

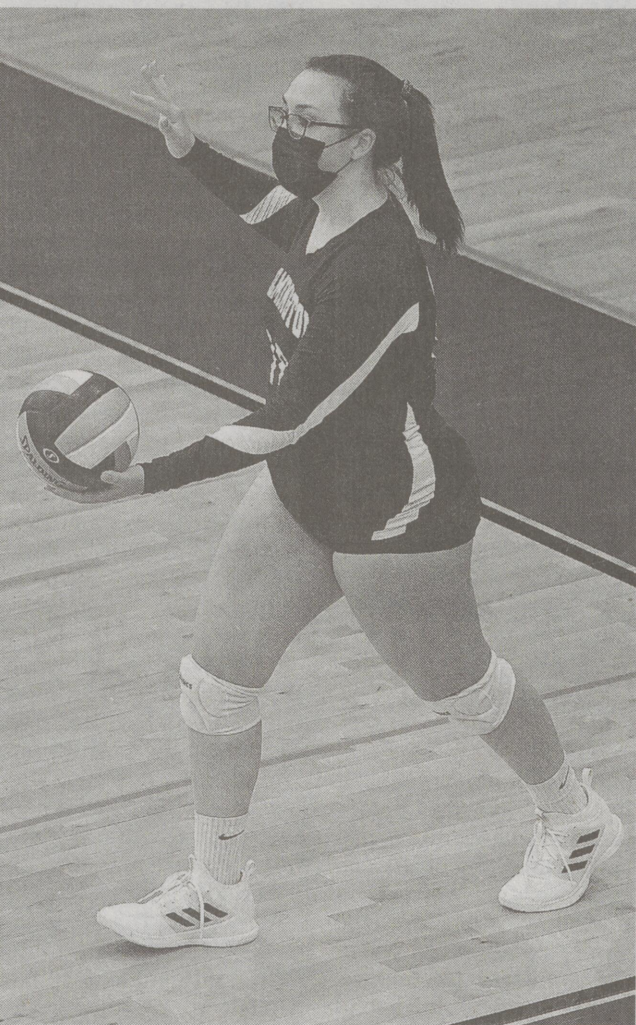
And that will be her role this year - running the offense, which over the last few years, has struggled for any kind of consistency. With just two players over six-feet, Wilmington will have to

be scrappy again, rely on the team's athleticism, and hope that the passing game is on the mark. That will all start with Vestal.

"People like to compare a setter to a (football) quarterback. It's very, very similar - (the mindset is instead of) who am I going to throw it to right

now, it's who am I going to set (this ball) to right now? Most of the time and this is not a secret, it's going to go to (co-captain) Maddie (McCarron), a lot, but it depends (on other things) so if I can't get it to Maddie, it'll be who is the next strongest hitter," said Vestal.

Wilmington will be play-



Co-captain Mia Vestal, shown here during last year's season, will be team's setter this season. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

ing a 5-1 formation, meaning just one setter, as opposed to a 6-2 with two setters. While that may put more pressure on that one setter, or help the setter get in a better routine, Vestal knows that she's going to need a lot of help from her teammates if the team's offense is going to click. She said that will start and end with 'team chemistry'.

"It's a pretty new team. We lost nine seniors from last year's team and a lot of them were starters," she said. "We have a lot of new girls and only a couple of returners, but I have a lot of hope and I think we're going to do good. We are gelling together pretty good. We already had a couple of team dinners and everything so I'm honestly really looking forward to the season."

"We have Maddie (so that's all that matters). We have some really good hitters and some good back row players. A lot of the younger girls play club (volleyball) as well as me and Maddie so that shows dedication (from the younger players) so that's really good."

Vestal and McCarron are close friends, who have been playing the sport for a long time together.

"We both started when we were in third grade going to a clinic. Then in sixth grade, we started club with (Evolution) and (eventually) we split off. I went to Mill City and Maddie stayed with Evo.

This is my fifth year with Mill City and hopefully after this year, we both will go on and play in college," she said.

Volleyball is Vestal's passion. She said growing up she tried every other sport including soccer, softball and even swimming and tennis, but nothing stuck. She always came back to volleyball, and ever since that third grade clinic, she has devoted a lot of time to it.

"People always say that club is where you get better, but high school is where you show off your skills," said Vestal, who is a member of the National Honor Society and the Vice President of her Senior Class. "Even though we are going to get better during the season, or I hope so as I always want to get better obviously because I want to play in college and I'm not going to have another club season before I play in college. But club is where you take a step back and they tell you how you do it and in high school it's either you can do it or you can't. If you can't do it, go sit on the bench."

That, the bench, is not a place that she plans on visiting anytime this season. This is her year and she is expecting big things. While she could have easily thrown in the towel after not playing as much as she wanted, she said that there's one person to thank for not allowing her to do that.

"My dad (Michael) is the one who always pushes me. He played basketball in college and he knows how it feels (to be an athlete). I definitely look up to both of my parents. My dad is the one who pushes me to be the best athlete that I can be and today I wouldn't be here without him. (My parents) both push me (just in different ways)," said Mia, whose other family members include her brother Michael, who is in the eighth grade and sister Marisa, who is in the fifth grade.

Donoghue concurs that this is the year for Vestal and McCarron to shine.

"I am excited for their senior year. They are both great leaders on and off the court," said the coach. "I want the two of them to have an awesome season. They are both extremely coachable and take feedback well. It's going to be challenging for them this year, having several people on the court with them who they haven't played with before or who haven't played at the varsity level before. It's important for the two of them to challenge one another, hold those standards high and not bring the bar down. I'm trying to do that as a coach and it needs transferring from the captains. For them, this is their sport, this is their thing and this is their priority."

Co-Eed team could use some help, down to just six
Despite (very) low numbers, golfers showing a lot of potential

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WILMINGTON- Wanted: golfers!

That's the motto of the Wilmington High Golf team this season as the Wildcats attempt to break in the win column for the first time in the past four seasons.

Competing in the stacked Middlesex League is always a challenge for the Wildcats, but this season may present a bigger challenge than most for coach Steve Lynch and his players, as Wilmington enters the season with only six players on their roster.

After graduating five key players off of last year's team, including captain Rhiannon Dymont and number one player Matt Vinal, among others, Lynch, who enters his 16th season as head coach of the Wildcats, knew he would have a somewhat limited roster this season. On top of that, two returning seniors decided not to play this season, making the challenge that much greater.

"We had a couple of open houses, and the turnout for the first one was pretty low, but for the second one, in the middle of the

summer, we had eleven players who signed up," Lynch said. "But when we had tryouts, we had only six who showed up."

The unfortunate thing for the Wildcats is that with a full roster, this could be a team capable of pulling off a few upsets. While they did suffer the aforementioned key losses, they also bring back several players who gained some valuable experience last season, starting with senior captain Owen Mitchell, who played out of the number two slot last season, but will move up to number one this season.

"Owen is a very quiet kid, but the kids all respect him as a leader," Lynch said. "He was a league all-star as a freshman, and has been playing in the top four since then. His game is still improving, and this year he has taken on the role of being a leader and trying to recruit some players. He got a lot of golf in over the summer and will play number one for us. He is looking to lead by example."

Fellow senior Patrick Stokes will play in the number two slot for the Wildcats and Lynch is looking for a big season from the returning veter-



The Wilmington High School Golf team will be led this fall by the lone captain, senior Owen Mitchell. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

an. "He has been playing since freshman year, and his game has progressed every single year," Lynch said. "We will look for him to do it again. He is a tried and true veteran. I have no concerns about his game."

Junior Joe Galvin will push Stokes for playing time at the number two slot.

"Joe grew over the summer and added some muscle. He can really boom

the ball. He is a very good player," Lynch said.

Junior Bobby Cyr, who played in the number seven slot last season, will move up to number four this season, and Lynch says that the third year player is well deserving of the move up in the lineup.

"Bobby is a veteran as well and he will be a solid number four for us," Lynch said. "He is another one who has improved each year for us."

Sophomore Abigail

Mitchell, Owen's younger sister, will fill the number five slot for the Wildcats this season after seeing limited playing time last season.

"She has made some improvements from last season, and she has gotten stronger," Lynch said. "She is the reigning Girls Junior Champion at Meadowbrook. She played mostly as an alternate last year, but she got some good experience. She likes to practice and she likes

to practice with her brother, and she is improving all the time."

Playing in the number six slot for the Wildcats will be freshman Nathan Carriere, who will be playing competitive golf for the first time.

"Nathan is a great kid, and he is learning the game," Lynch said. "He is going right into the frying pan at the start of the season, but I let him know that all the kids on the team started as freshmen as well. He has been developing well over the past few weeks."

Limited lineup or not, the Wildcats will face a tall task in competing in the Middlesex League, where their schedule is loaded with tough opponents.

"Everyone in the golf league is a very good team, so it will be hard to compete while being two players down," Lynch said. "But we will do our best. This is a good group. They are staying positive and working hard. This is a very close group. Not that we haven't been in the past, but this year especially so. I think they know it could be a tough year, and they are all in it together. They are encouraging each other and relying on each other."

Wilmington College Notebook

Wingate nets hat trick; 71st in ND program history
Smith has big defensive game for Curry College



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Last Thursday night, the reigning Town Crier Female Athlete of the Decade Olivia Wingate helped the No. 16 Notre Dame women's soccer (5-0) team past No. 22 Wisconsin (2-1-2) 4-1.

Wingate put on a show in the second half where she recorded her first career hat trick. It marked the 71st hat trick in program history, as Wingate now boasts a team-best five goals.

In the 62nd minute, Wingate started her offensive dominance. It started with what was the first career assist for Waniya Hudson who dumped a ball up top for Wingate who ran it down then delivered it far post for the goal.

Then exactly two minutes later on the dot, Van Zanten headed a ball behind the Wisconsin defense as Wingate used her speed to go on the breakaway then nutmegged the goalie.

Same case for Wingate's third goal in the 86th minute, except this time it was Caroline Gray who headed a back ball in behind the defense as Wingate ran on and put it away.

On Tuesday, Wingate was named the ACC's Offensive Player of the Week.

Elsewhere, the St. Thomas Aquinas College Women's Soccer team closed out its three-game season opening road trip, falling to the University of New Haven, 3-0, on Saturday evening at Kathy Zolad Stadium. Freshman Kaitlyn Maguire paced the Spartans as she had four chances to score, including three shots on net. A defensive back, Maguire has played in all three games thus far, registering four shots on net.

Also, the University of Rhode Island earned its first win of the season on Sunday, beating Vermont, 3-2. Junior midfielder Tess O'Connell registered two shots on net. She has played in 30 games thus far in her career and is still looking for her first college goal. Last year, she led the entire team in shots with 20.

Also, Thea Aliberti returns for another season at Colby-Sawyer. Last year the midfield was named a captain. Thus far this season the team is 0-2-1 ... Hannah Watson, a sophomore, returns to the Stonehill women's team as a midfielder/defensive

back. She played in one game last year as a freshman ... Junior Aly Colantuoni is back with Southern New Hampshire University. As a defensive back, she has appeared in one game thus far and has registered a shot on net. Last year, she appeared in three games with two shots on net ... Two other former WHS players, sophomore Tori Gemellaro and freshman Jenna Sweeney are members of the Bridgewater State team. Gemellaro is a goalie who has yet to see action, and Sweeney has appeared in two games as a midfielder/defensive back ... Amber Flynn has helped RIT get off to a 2-0 start. She was a starter on defense in the team's 3-0 win over Kenyon. Last year as a freshman, she appeared in six games.

Finally, a total of 169 Bentley University student-athletes have received 2021-22 Academic Achievement Awards from the Division 2 Athletics Director Association for their success in the classroom last academic year. Among them included Wilmington resident Dana Goulet.

The 169 honorees was the most for any institution in the Northeast-10

Conference and the East Region, as well as tied for the 13th highest total nationally. Putting that into perspective, there are more than 300 Division II institutions across the country.

Requirements to receive an Academic Achievement Award include a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have completed a minimum of two years of college level work and have been an active member of an intercollegiate team during the 2021-22 academic year.

MEN'S SOCCER

Babak Bakhtiari is a sophomore striker of the Endicott Men's Soccer team. Before college, he was a star player at Central Catholic High School.

FOOTBALL

The Curry College football team fell 35-20 to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in its season opener on Friday evening in non-conference action at Walter M. Katz Field.

MIT scored the only touchdown of the third quarter and again just 38 seconds into the fourth to take a commanding 35-13 advantage, but Curry battled right down to the final whistle. At the end of a 12-play drive that sucked eight minutes off the clock, junior Bailey Smith forced and recov-



BAILEY SMITH

ered a fumble, running it back 87 yards before being dragged down just three yards shy of the end zone, which set up a touchdown to close the gap to 35-20. Smith ended the game with ten tackles, including six solo, out of the defensive back position.

Also on the Curry team but didn't play in the

opener is freshman Pedro Germano, who was the QB on the WHS team the last two seasons.

Elsewhere, the Merrimack College Football team was defeated by Holy Cross, 31-17. Tight End Tyler Roberts had two receptions for 23 yards in the loss. A senior captain, Roberts is coming off a career year with 52 receptions for 538 yards and six touchdowns ... Tyler's brother Shane Roberts, is a sophomore at Nichols College and he made six tackles in the team's thrilling 30-29 victory over Westfield State on Friday.

Elsewhere, Jake Chirichiello, a freshman, is a member of the Franklin Pierce team, which opened the season on Saturday with a 10-7 loss to Edinboro ... Dean Nally is back at Bentley University, who dropped the season opener to West Chester, 17-16. A junior, Nally appeared in six games last year ... Christian Robarge is back at Western New England and Dustin Burkle, a Wilmington resident who played at Woburn High, is a senior member at Bridgewater. A running back, he didn't play in the team's first game ... Finally, Chris Walsh is back at the University of Albany as a lineman.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Former Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year Emily Hill is back with the Colby-Sawyer Women's Tennis Team. On Saturday, in the team's season opener, playing at the No. 3 singles spot, she was defeated by Endicott's Ashley Keaveney in straight sets, 6-3 and 6-3.

Last year as a junior transfer from Johnson and Wales, Hill slotted into the No. 2 singles position for the Chargers as well as being in the No. 1 doubles spot. She finished the season 12-4 in singles play with an 11-2 record in the No. 2 spot, while finishing 12-8 in doubles action. Hill finished a perfect 8-0 in GNAC play with a 4-0 record in both singles and doubles.

FIELD HOCKEY

Graduate student Jillian Miele, a reigning All-American selection, scored a goal to help Johnson & Wales defeat Salve Regina, 3-0, and

improve to 2-0 on the young season. That goal came after the team's season opening 2-1 win over Eastern Connecticut University. In that win, Miele scored the game-winning goal early in the second quarter.

Last year, Miele set the program record for most points at 146, and also set single season program records for most goals (26), assists (14) and points (66). She was named the GNAC Offensive Player of the Year, was awarded to the All-GNAC First Team and was selected to both the Division 3 All-Region First Team and to the National Division 3 Senior Team.

She also holds the record for most points in a career at WHS.

Elsewhere, junior Jocelyn White is a goalie



JOCELYN WHITE

on the Regis College team. She didn't play in the team's season opening loss this week, but last year she appeared in all 13 games, playing every second. She finished with 104 saves and a 3.92 GAA.

VOLLEYBALL

The Worcester State Volleyball fell to Roger Williams 3-0 (25-22, 25-21, 25-19) and Brandeis 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-15) in a tri-match held this past weekend. Maeve Cadogan played in three of the sets and registered an ace, and also two blocks. A junior middle blocker, she played in 27 matches last year as a sophomore and finished with 93 kills.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Sean Riley is a member of the UMass-Lowell men's team, Patrick O'Mahony is suiting up at Bryant University and on the women's side Shea Cushing is a member at UVM.

WHS Football Preview: Hitting the Gridiron

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sive lines are not small as green grapes.

"We have more size that we've had in quite some time. We have a couple of 6-foot-3 kids, one plays on the offensive line and the other plays on the defensive line," said Turner. "(Also, junior) Ali (Aboukal) is a year older and he's stronger and bigger. (Michael) Ings, the same thing. He's a three-year starter and he's gotten bigger and stronger. Then the kid Clyde Lambert, who is starting at guard for us is a junior and he's probably the strongest kid on the entire team. He's a real tough kid, who is up from the JV team. It's probably the most physical group that I've had upfront in terms of how they play, which is good. They are going to have to carry us, our offensive line is the strength of the team."

Across the way on the offensive side, it'll be junior Nojus Giniotas (6-3, 235) and senior Ryan Watson (6-0, 205) as the two tackles, Aboukal (5-11, 225) and Lambert (5-9, 205) as the two guards, with Ings at center (5-10, 225). The combination of junior Noah Spencer (5-11, 190) and senior captain Joey Kullman (5-9, 190) have the inside track on the tight end spot with a

handful of others pressing for their own opportunities. At wide out, it'll be senior Brett Ebert (5-8, 160) and junior Hunter Sands (6-1, 180).

As for the backs and quarterback position, things changed a bit after The Town Crier spoke with Turner last Thursday. At that time, Turner said that last year's fullback Michael Lawler (6-0, 180) would be shifting to quarterback, co-captain Peter LeBlanc (5-9, 175) would be the wingback, while the combination of Julien Cella (5-7, 160) and Nik Iascone (5-8, 150) would share the duties carrying the ball.

On Sunday night, Turner informed the Town Crier that Jacob Roque, who is known for his diamond skills on the baseball team, has decided to come out for the team. Turner spoke to every senior and they were all onboard about the addition. Thus, Roque with audition for the QB spot and if all goes well and he takes it, Lawler will move to halfback.

"We're extremely excited Jacob has decided to join us. Jacob played for us as a freshmen and is an exceptional athlete," said Turner in an email. "I think he'd tell you that I've been pretty consis-

tently on him the last couple of years to get him back on the team. He's a great fit for what we want to do offensively with our read-option and run-pass-option scheme. Unfortunately it's not great timing because he has to get 15 practices in before he can play in a game, but we'll see how it goes and he'll have the opportunity to compete for the starting job during practice. I know what kind of an athlete he is and we're absolutely pumped to have him back. He certainly makes us better."

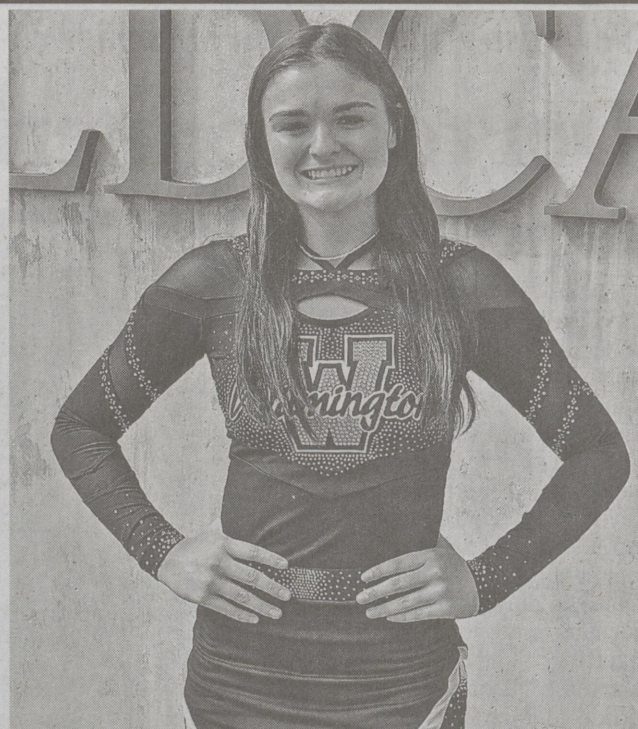
Turner added that the plan is for Roque to get the two weeks of practice in before he plays in a game. Meanwhile, the team will turn to freshman Colin Allard, who has opened up a lot of eyes, to start at QB for this Saturday morning's season opener against Arlington Catholic which will be held at Medford High (11 am). Wilmington will be shifting out of the spread offense and into Wing-T, but with the quarterback always taking the snap out of the shotgun formation.

"Colin has been the biggest surprise of camp so far. He's a great kid and has picked up the offense so quickly," said Turner. "He's continued

to get better and push the other quarterbacks to the point where he was starting to force our hand a bit. We decided we were going to make that switch (and already move Lawler), and then got the news about Jacob on the same day. Now Jacob and Colin will compete for the position in practice and we'll see what happens from there as Jacob gets his practices in and gets up to speed on the offense. Colin will get the start on Saturday against AC and we're excited about what he can do and his future."

That move with Allard allows Lawler to go to halfback. He's coming off a season in which as a sophomore fullback, he rushed for 302 yards and scored twice, and also added 14 receptions for 163 yards and a score. His presence will certainly take the pressure off of Allard/Roque, while his blocking skills will open up many holes for Cella and Iascone.

"Michael is just such a dynamic player and we want to get him the ball as much as possible. Half back in our offense is just such a key position," explained Turner. "You need someone who can break a long one here and there but is also tough enough to carry it 20-plus



The lone captain of this year's WHS Fall Cheerleading team is senior Tiffanie Smith.

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times a game and get you those tough yards. It also frees him up to help us on defense where we've had some issues so far. He did a great job at quarterback for us but we just felt as a staff this was his rightful position and where he could impact our team the most."

If Roque is ready after the two weeks, this will allow the 'Cats to have an explosive backfield as Roque is extremely fast, and then there's four options to run the ball with Lawler, Cella, Iascone and then LeBlanc, who along with Lawler will catch their share of passes. It also allows Allard to develop more at the JV level, and/or come into play at the varsity level in certain situations.

This move also allows extra time for Cella and Iascone to develop and ease into the offense, as opposed to getting thrown into the fire which seemed to be the case when Turner said the following last Thursday.

"Our running backs are young but they are getting after it. Neither one of them has kind of separated themselves, which I wish they would. I wish I could say that Julien is our guy to carry the ball 25 times a game, but Iascone has been pretty good, too. So it's like, OK, we'll just split them up, so they both have been alright," said Turner. "Peter LeBlanc has been great for us at wingback and he'll carry the ball some too. He'll have the same role as Gavin (Erickson) had for us last year."

Defensively, there's question marks because there's so much youth and inexperience. Turner said the plan is for junior Dempsey Murphy (5-11, 210) along with Aboukal and Kullman to play the

two defensive end spots. The two tackle spots will most likely be a rotation of four players with Ings, Cella, senior Charlie Chirichiello (5-10, 210) and junior Sean Brady (6-3, 280). The linebackers will be LeBlanc, Spencer and junior Antonio Smolinsky (5-1, 185). Lastly, the secondary is completely brand new with Iascone, seniors Andrew Rivera and Owen Cushing as well as junior Christian Febbo.

"Febbo played soccer last year, so we're glad he came out as he's going to be a very good player. Him and this other kid Connor Lovell, who is a sophomore, are going to be absolutely fantastic. He's going to be a fantastic player but when I say green, he's green," said Turner.

Some of the other players on the team who will provide depth include seniors Justin Finnegan (5-9, 170) and Casey Robbins (5-11, 180) as wide receivers/linebackers while junior Braedon Almas (5-7, 150) will be the back-up quarterback. In the backfield, back-ups will be junior Kevin Stano (5-8, 170) and freshmen Gavin Burke (5-7, 150) and Gus Lambert (5-7, 155). On the line, pushing for some time will be juniors Luca Cudia (6-3, 215), Charlie Rooney (6-1, 215), Elijah Valdivieso (5-10, 225), Ryan Weinstein (6-0, 190) and freshmen Noah Matton (6-0, 210) and Luke Cushing (5-11, 200).

The 'Cats will open the season up taking on AC, who replaced Woburn on the schedule. That contest will be followed with two more non-league games with Greater Lowell, and then Billerica on their new beautiful field on the 23rd.

The time is now for captain Joey Kullman

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that could throw the ball or run the offense. When I tell you that Joey couldn't really throw the ball either, he really couldn't, but he is smart and tough, so they asked him to play quarterback, a position he never played before in his life. He played it and did an awesome job. That's just the type of kid he is."

During that abbreviated spring season, while playing QB for the JV team, Kullman got hurt but really didn't tell anyone.

"I got hit in a weird way and my right shoulder popped out. I just thought nothing of it. It then kept popping in and out and it was just whatever," he said. "I kept going forward because it's football (and injuries happen), but throughout the rest of the season it got worse."

At the end of that spring 2021 season, he got an MRI and was told that he had a torn labrum. Despite that news, a few months later, he was on the wrestling mat, competed in two quad meets before he knew that he couldn't do it anymore.

"When I got the MRI, they said it was a torn labrum from 12 o'clock to 6 o'clock. (Eventually) I had to get shoulder surgery and I couldn't really do anything else because I was in a sling for six weeks. After those six weeks, I started physical therapy and had to go every day," he said.

Kullman never told anyone how much pain he was in. Turner though knew he was dinged up a bit, but didn't think anything more of it because

Kullman continued to show up at practice, continued to hit, get hit, and do all of the drills that everyone else did.

"You have kids every day who come in who just don't feel good, they are a little sore and they say they can't practice. Joey was literally dragging his leg with one arm hanging off of him, and never said a word about (his injuries)," said Turner. "He goes off and gets it wrapped and goes out and practices his butt off. He's just that type of kid. He doesn't say much. You know what you're going to get out of him because he works his butt off all of the time. Any other team, except for what we had last year, he's playing a ton. It was just one of those things where we had a senior-laden group which had two senior linebackers and another junior (so he didn't see the field that much). I'm excited for him to have that opportunity this year."

Kullman had surgery back on February 11th of this year and has been on the mend ever since.

"It was a lot (to deal with) - definitely a lot. There were times when I'd be wrestling and my shoulder would just lock and I couldn't move it for a certain amount of time and then (later) it would just pop back in," he said. "It was scary, so it was just a matter of time (before I had to get surgery)."

"It really set me back a lot. Physical Therapy helped me get through it

and now I'm back and ready to play. I just got cleared about two weeks before the season started and that was just awesome."

Again, not even before week one of the season starts, Kullman is displaying his leadership skills. He came to the pre-season tryouts/practices, expecting to be a linebacker on defense as well seeing time on the offensive side as a tight end.

"We just moved Joey from linebacker to defensive end - just two days ago," said Turner after last Thursday's practice. "We just feel like it's a better fit with what he can do and it's a better fit of what we're trying and wanting to do. We need our defensive ends to be very smart and he checks that box a million times. We need them to be very tough and he checks that box a million times over. The linebackers (spot) is a little less thinking and you go down hill and run and we have other guys who are probably a better fit for that, but we didn't have guys at defensive end who can do it like he can. We're excited to have him in there."

"Offensively, we have a lot of guys at (the tight end) position, but he knows exactly what he's supposed to do all of the time. He can help the guy next to him. He's just one of those kids who you never have to worry about. You never have to worry about what he's doing or what's going on because he's always locked in and knows what he's doing or supposed to be doing."

Kullman has played football since he was in the second grade. He's played pretty much every position on the field over the course of those many years of buckling up the helmet. To him, it's just 'put me in coach, I'm ready to play' - anywhere!

"I got moved to defensive end and I'm fine with that. If it's what is best for the team, then I'll go there. It's kind of the same as playing outside linebacker - you just have to keep your guy contained, don't let people around me and tackle," he said.

Turner went on to say that Joey reminds him so much of his oldest brother Nick, who now attends Norwich University. Nick was a center and defensive lineman, who was a senior on the 2018 team.

"I look at Joey and I see (Nick). His older brother,

I remember (former line) Coach (Bob) Donoghue loved him and I kept saying 'this kid is too small'. I would try to replace (Nick) every week, every week because he was so small, but he was so tough, so hard-nosed and played his absolute butt off every single play. He won me over. Those are the types of kids we love here. I don't care what the score is, I want to go to battle with kids like that."

Both Nick and Joey Kullman follow in the footsteps of their uncle Dave DeAmato, who was a captain and outstanding two-way player of the WHS team of 1998. After Wilmington High, DeAmato was a walk-on long-snapper at Division 1 Syracuse University, becoming one of just a handful of Wildcat players to compete at that D1 level in the 85-year history of the program.

"It was awesome because when I was a young kid playing football, I could look up to both (my uncle and my brother)," said Joey, whose father Brian also played at Billerica High. "I wanted to be like them whenever I got to that next level and play as hard as they did and have that mindset that they did."

Nick is now starting his senior year at Norwich, and then there's Tommy who is 19, graduated from Shawsheen Tech and didn't play sports there. Joey was asked if he was going to follow Nick's footsteps going into the military.

"I don't think I'll be a military man like he is, but we do bond over things that he tells me about military stuff," said Joey. "We go up there to visit him - just two weeks ago. He was managing the rookies, the new arrivals and I got to see that and it was pretty cool."

Joey wants to go to college and perhaps get into the business field. He knows that the next three months are it for him when it comes to football, and he just wants to create new memories ... especially as a co-captain.

"I think it's great that I'm a captain. It shows that the kids respected me even though I didn't get on the field that much. They believe that I'll be a great captain of this team (so that means a lot). Now it's my time to (show what I can do)."



Wilmington High senior co-captain Joey Kullman will be lining up at defensive end this Saturday in the team's season opener against Arlington Catholic.

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Active winningest high school football coaches

According to the Boston Herald, the Top 25 active winningest high school football coaches are below and include several with local ties, current coaches Al Costabile (Shawsheen) and Brian Aylward (Tewksbury) as well as former Wilmington High coach Bob Almeida:

1. Ken LaChapelle 385-120-6 (1976-present, Northbridge)
2. John DiBiao 341-79-1 (1982-present, St. Patrick's, Weston, Everett, Catholic Memorial)
3. Jim Kelliher 301-199-8 (1974-present, Abington)
4. Jack Martinelli 288-127-5 (1982-present, Foxboro)
5. Mike Redding 276-91-3 (1988-present, Mansfield)
6. Steve Hayden 238-182-2 (1982-present, Pentucket)
7. Kevin MacDonald 237-101-5 (1982-present, Archbishop Williams, Milton Academy)
8. (tie) Bob Almeida 196-108-1 (1990-present, Somerville, Wilmington, Malden Catholic, Stoneham); Al Costabile 196-127-0 (1992-present, Bishop Fenwick, Shawsheen)
10. Chuck Adamopoulos 195-76-0 (1997-present, Central Catholic)
11. Tim Morris 186-101-4 (1994-present, Melrose)
12. Jeff Cormier 184-75-0 (1999-present, Auburn)
13. (tie). Mike Dubzinski 183-123-0 (1994-present, Natick, Wachusett) and David Woods 183-83-0 (1998-present, Bishop Fenwick)
15. Greg Burke 182-139-4 (1990-present, Stoughton)
16. Brian Aylward 173-100-1 (1997-present, Tewksbury)
17. Steve Dembowski 170-83-0 (1999-present, Swampscott, Milton)
18. (tie) Mike Ross 165-68-0 (2000-present, Worcester North, Grafton, West Boylston) and Sean Mulcahy 165-171-0 (1990-present, Doherty)
20. Todd Kiley 157-52-0 (2003-present, Holliston)
21. Matt Triveri 154-46-0 (2004-present, Mashpee)
22. John Andreoli 153-57-0 (2004-present, St. John's)
23. Brad Sidwell 150-142-3 (1994-2015, 2016-present, Franklin, Taunton)
24. Jamie Lamoreaux 147-117-0 (1990-2011, 2016-present Ayer, Groton)
25. John Fiore 145-54-0 (2004-present, Reading)

New roster, new position for senior co-captain

DeProfio centering around all of the big changes

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WILMINGTON - A year ago, Ava DeProfio was certainly proud knowing that she made the varsity field hockey team after spending the previous two years at the junior varsity level. But when she looked up and down the 16-member roster, she noticed that she only had one junior classmate to share the exciting news with, Carina O'Donnell. The other 14 members of the team were all seniors.

"We are the only two returning varsity players this year. It was definitely a little intimidating (last year)," said DeProfio with a laugh. "We had a lot of strong seniors who were all good and all played a lot."

A year later, with two varsity goals and a trip to the state tournament under her belt, many things will be changing for the now senior. DeProfio and O'Donnell are the co-captains, both of them are changing positions, and for Ava, it appears as if she's much more confident this time around.

"I went to a summer league game and I sat off to the side and watched them and I told the coaches after the game that 'WOW! Ava is going to be fun to watch play this year'. She is just really coming into herself," said head coach Leanne Ebert.

The coach said that DeProfio's play was so impressive, that she forced her to make line-up changes, shifting the forward to the center-midfield spot. That is the most daunting position on the field and the same spot that reigning Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year Celia Kulis controlled the last few years. "Ava's stronger, she's a



Wilmington High senior co-captain Ava DeProfio, shown here during last year's season, will go from forward to center-midfield this season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

senior and she's more confident (than she was last year). There were a lot of seniors on the team last year which is great, but she was just below them (as a junior newcomer). Now she feels more confident in her own abilities. She's the one who is carrying the team now," said Ebert.

DeProfio played the right-inner forward spot last year. She helped feed the ball into the middle where then senior Rita Roche would get after it

and bury home chances, 14 to be exact. Ava finished the season with two, both coming against Tewksbury in separate games. Certainly the two goals and playing significant time as a first-year player on a senior oriented team was meaningful to say the least.

"It was definitely more fast pace than playing JV (the previous two years). I definitely learned a lot. I played the inner right forward spot pretty much all year and I was right next

to Rita so it was a lot of reading passes, getting open and moving to the ball," she said. "We had a great season. Rita scored a lot and Celia (was in the middle). They were both powerhouses and we're definitely going to miss them, but we're trying to fill in their spots."

That's where the co-captains and longtime friends come in. Both O'Donnell and DeProfio will make the switch to the midfield, Ava in the middle and Carina to her left.

"It's a pretty big adjustment. We're definitely running a lot more, which is a big difference, but we're really defending the field," she said. "Obviously (playing midfield) means we're supposed to do both (help out offensively and defensively), so we're just trying to keep the ball out of our zone and down into the other team's zone. That's definitely our biggest goal."

Carina is just one of many players on the team

who Ava has played alongside with for many years. Ava said a handful of the juniors and seniors first started playing together in the middle school program. That's one of the reasons why DeProfio thinks this year's team could be a surprise in the standings.

"I think we look pretty good and a lot of us have played together for years. We have played since middle school together so we already have the chemistry going," she said. "There's a lot of seniors so we have all known each other for many years. Our new goalie Gracy (Giammarco) is going to be really good. She's a junior and she's amazing. We have Ava MacGilvray, who is usually the sweeper. She's really good at controlling the ball in front of Gracy so hopefully she doesn't have to work as hard."

While DeProfio hopes to excel as a player and leader on this year's team, she is also very successful away from the field hockey field. She's also a member of the lacrosse team, she's a member of the National Honor Society and once she graduates high school, she would like to get into Forensic Science, as she really enjoys all of the crime shows and documentaries.

While she juggles her time around for all of that, she also tries to spend some time with her younger brother, Luke, who is a freshman at the high school and also an athlete, playing football and lacrosse.

"We'll walk through the halls and he'll act like he doesn't even see me. I try to wave but I get nothing," she said with a big laugh.

With two returners, Wildcats sticking to a winning plan

FROM B1W

desire to be here, we don't have to work on that or worry about it at all. We're just building off the skills that they already have, trying to expand on them and figure out who is going to play where."

As of last Thursday night's interview, Ebert didn't have a line-up anywhere close to being set. The following day, the Wildcats were set to play in the Barbara Damon Memorial Play Day Tournament in Andover, facing four teams, including Rockport, Waltham and Beverly. She said she would know a lot more after that, and would most likely shift things around, depending on what she saw.

In any case though, her entire line-up is brand new because one thing that is certain is DeProfio and O'Donnell will be playing new positions, shifting back as midfielders.

"Ava is just so consistent in her game and so is Carina (O'Donnell) who will be on her left side. They can both be bumped

up (to forwards) if we need them to score, but they are so consistent, so consistent (as midfielders)," said the coach. "I can put them anywhere on the field and they would make a situation work. When I call out to change fields, they change fields with the ball. When I call out to drive to the net, they're driving to the net. They are able to listen to what I'm saying, not hear what I'm saying, and apply it on the field."

Going into the four-team scrimmage, Ebert was leaning towards putting junior Abigail Hassell as the third midfielder. Up front on the forward line, it appeared to be a mix of players between seniors Katie Manjourides, Isabella Piazza, Caitlyn George, Sarah Bryan, Samantha Cronin and Kylie Gates, as well as juniors Alexis Melvin and Sofia DiNatale. Several of those players could possibly drop back to play or become midfielders and add depth in that area.

In the back, it looks like senior Ava MacGilvray

will be the sweeper, while, fellow seniors Laci Titterington, Shae Fitzgerald and Colleen Logan are all in the mix for the other spots.

The last roster spot is a junior Gracy Giammarco, who takes over as the new goalie.

"During her freshman year, Gracy played a little bit in the net. Then last year as a sophomore, she was a field player," said Ebert. "At the end of the season, she did make the decision to go back to being a goalie. We had encouraged it but we also encouraged that if she was happier on the field then that's where she was going to be. (Once she decided to be a goalie) she got some good training at a summer camp that the girls went to and she looks great back there, she really does."

"There's some good camaraderie with the kids, so she wants to keep the ball out and she wants to keep the kids working hard, so it's been a lot of fun watching them, but they also seem to have a

lot of respect for her and want to protect her as well, which is very important."

Wilmington opened the season on Wednesday against Tewksbury in a non-league game with results not available before presstime. On Thursday, they will travel to Reading (4:15) before going on the road for three more with stops at Winchester, Arlington and North Andover.

As usual the 'Cats play the Middlesex League Liberty School teams one time and that includes Reading, Winchester,

Arlington, Woburn, Belmont and Lexington, as well as the Freedom Division teams of Wakefield, Stoneham, Watertown, Melrose and Burlington twice each. In addition is the two non-league games already mentioned.

Despite that tough schedule, Ebert believes that her roster filled with all new names, will continue to work to get better each day.

"It's hard to gage right now (how we will do), but if they continue with what they are doing right now, they are so coachable,

they are so workable and so nice to work with, so I can only see positive things for them," she said. "I see a lot of that respect of helping one another and positive encouragement and positive reinforcement. You can't teach that. You can tell them that but you can't teach that and it's innate to them."

"They've really been such a fun team to show up to every day. It's been great. They are so kind-hearted, nice ladies and they are making it fun."

Italian Heritage Golf Classic, Oct 28

The Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183, Sons and Daughters of Italy of Wilmington and the Italian Heritage Month Committee are proud to announce the 12th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic in celebration of October as Italian Heritage Month on Friday, October 28, 2022 at the Hillview Golf Course in North Reading.

The committee invites you to participate in a great day of golf, food, and fun. As in the past, 100% of the proceeds from the golf classic will benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, and the Italian Heritage

Scholarship Fund. Over the last eleven years, the tournament has raised \$50,000!

The entry fee per golfer is \$150.00, which includes greens fee, golf cart, a player gift, driving range, continental breakfast, hot-dog, chips and soda at the turn and a luncheon buffet. Golfers may register individually or in teams of four; individual golfers will be placed on a team. Prizes will be given to first, second and third place teams. There will be contests on the course, a 50/50 raffle and a raffle table at the luncheon. Tickets are available for the luncheon only, at \$35.00 per person.

The tournament is a shotgun start and a scramble format. On the day of the tournament, registration begins at 7:30 AM and tee time is at 9:00 AM. If you are not a golfer and would like to support our charitable golf tournament, sponsorships are available. You may sponsor a hole for \$100 or a golf cart for \$50 or provide a gift certificate that will enhance our raffle table.

For further information on participating in the tournament, sponsorships or donating a gift to the raffle, please call Tournament Chairman Kevin Cairn at (978) 657-7734.



The co-captains -- and only returning varsity members from last year -- of the WHS Field Hockey team includes Ava DeProfio (left) and Carina O'Donnell (right). (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Also a member of the NH State Ski Team, senior captain returning to soccer field for fourth year

Colleen Baldi defends her physical style

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WILMINGTON – Over the years and decades, the Wilmington High School girls' soccer team has had a long list of outstanding defensive back players, whether they played in the middle or the outside. Whether they left Wilmington to play at various different levels in college, or stopped playing once their high school careers ended, one thing all of the elite ones had in common was how physically and mentally tough they were.

Last year was a prime example as Wilmington had a veteran group on the backline led by All-State selection Audrey Curdo. She and several others graduated, leaving some holes for this year's team. One of the returners with three years of varsity experience under her belt, and who fits in that same mold of bringing that toughness to the field each and every day, is tri-captain Colleen Baldi.

Baldi's toughness, in no fault of her own, sometimes backfires on her.

"Colleen's such a solid player, and she's strong. People will run into her and bounce off and fall and then she gets called for a lot of things that are not fouls," said Wilmington head coach Sue Hendee, still in disbelief that this has happened over the years. "She literally is so much stronger than all of these other girls and she can go shoulder-to-shoulder or just stand there, and will still get called for a foul. That is her best quality as a defender is her strength."

Baldi was asked about that and she couldn't help but laugh, saying that

other players do literally bounce off of her, only to get up and talk some trash afterwards, which she also doesn't understand.

"Yes that happens and I get a lot of talks from the opposing girls," she said with a big grin. "I just usually shake my head and run away. Then Coach (Hendee) will pull me off to the side and say 'it's okay - it's just your size'. I have grown up playing a lot of sports and I have long legs, and strong legs. I'm a ski racer, too, so those girls just run into me. It is what it is and I try my best to keep my arms down, but sometimes girls just run into me and I'm like 'ugh'.

At the age of three, Baldi started skiing for the first time. When she was seven, she started to race competitively. In 2016, the Town Crier did a story on her after she finished 12th at the New Hampshire State competition. In 2020, we followed it up with another story as she had qualified (no easy task) to compete in the U16 Eastern U.S. Ski Championship Meet, as a member of the NH State Team. Today she's in her fourth year as a member of the Mount Washington Valley Ski Team, which is coached by former Olympian Leeann Smith. "I was seven when I started to ski race. My parents thought at the time that I wasn't skiing my best, so they thought I'd do better (if I competed). Then I just met lifelong friends and I just really loved the sport," she said.

Around that time that she started to compete in skiing - eventually to the Super-G and the Giant Slalom - Baldi started another sport at the age of seven, soccer. She has worked her way up

through the youth level and is now in her fourth year with the Wildcats, knowing this year she play a lot more and have much more responsibility on the field and as a leader.

"I'm really excited and I really love all of the girls on the team," she said. "We have played together growing up, we've had classes together so I know them all really well. I'm just hoping that we have a real good season. It doesn't really matter if we win, and I know that's the main goal but even just coming to practice, seeing everyone, making jokes and having fun is all I'm trying to do."

If the team is going to win, it starts on the defensive end with the experienced players returning such as Baldi, another one of the captains Cameron Foresythe, as well as senior Cassidy Smith and junior Emily Grace. They will be depended on to hold down the fort, much like Audrey Curdo, Madison Mulas and Kaitlyn Maguire did a year ago.

"I loved playing with Audrey. She's one of my best friends. She is a great center-defender and I played a lot also with Cameron (Foresyth). She's back this year and she's great too," said Baldi. "When you learn how to work together, it's all about communication and figuring out who is going to step (forward) and who is going to drop (back) and just have your back. It's all about communication and just always having a good bond."

Besides her three years of experience and her height (5-9) and physicality, Baldi brings a lot more to the table each and every night.

"She is deceptively fast.



Colleen Baldi returns for her fourth season as a member of the WHS Girls Soccer team. She will once again be on defense, most likely as a center-back.

(courtesy photo).

When we do full field sprints, she finishes among the top every single time. We depend on her a lot and I think we're going to depend on her a lot more this year," said Hendee, before being asked if Baldi will play in the middle or the outside. "I like her in the middle more just because her size and her presence there. She's smart, she knows to look around and mark people or have them marked up especially in the ('18 yard) box. That's something that we're really working really, really hard on right now as we tend to focus more on the ball than the players. She's definitely become a stronger player every year. The kids look up to her. She's a good leader."

This good leader is hop-

ing that she can help lead the team to yet another successful season, including a trip to the playoffs.

"Yes, that's our goal is to get back to the tournament. In order to win, we have to work together and figure out how to put the ball in the back (of the other team's) net," she said. "We did struggle with that last year and ended up with a lot of ties. Defense did a great job, everyone did a great job as we didn't let a lot of goals go in, but we struggled to score down at the other net."

While the team's offense may have struggled a bit last year, Baldi fully admitted that she is struggling about her future. She doesn't know if she wants to continue to compete in skiing or soccer in

college, if she wants to study finance or go to the other end of the rope to physical therapy. While she tosses around those decisions, there is one person who may be able to help guide her in the right direction.

"I have to say that I didn't start liking my brother (Tommy, who is now 19 years old) until last year, honestly. He and I really did not get along at all," said Colleen with a big laugh. "My sister (Danielle, a former WHS Athlete) went to college when I was in the sixth grade so it was just me and my brother for a long time and we did not get along at all. Now we're best friends."



Since she three years old Colleen Baldi has been skiing, and since she was seven, she has been involved in competitive ski racing, like this one from 2020.

Younger line-up heading in the right direction

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literally from last year," said head coach Sue Hendee, now entering her 35th season at the helm with a record of 317-228-82. "We lost an entire field of players because we had three forwards, three midfielders and four defenders, so the only position that we have with a starter and a back-up who are solid are the two goalkeepers. Ashley (Mercier) was thrown into the fire last year and she did great. (Her back-up) Nicole (Morello) has really, really improved a lot over the summer so it's nice to have two good keepers. (In my opinion) you have to two good keepers because there's no guarantee that one won't get hurt."

Mercier indeed played fantastic - especially for a sophomore and a first-year varsity keeper.

In front of her, Wilmington, on paper, should be pretty strong once again on the back line. Tri-captain Colleen Baldi returns to one of the center defensive back spots, while, others who are back with experience include another of the three captains Cameron Foresythe, as well as senior Cassidy Smith and junior Emily Grace.

Adding depth to the defense will be senior Erica Raimo, junior Lauryn Parr and two freshmen Lindsay Broussard and Maeve White.

In the midfield, the only returners are sisters, Jessica and Jill Collins, a senior and sophomore, respectively. In the mix for the other two spots will be junior Julia Archer, sophomore Allie Delgenio and freshmen Ali

McElligott and Erin McCarthy.

The comes upfront. Last year, despite having Granara, Wilmington struggled to consistently score and ended up with five ties. This year's group returns senior Ella Wingate and juniors Alli Ganley and Molly MacDonald, who all logged a lot of time and who all showed glimpses of putting it all together offensively. They will be supported by seniors Anabelle Cook and Katrina Riekstins, sophomore Arianna Cook and freshman Cate MacDonald. Wingate and Ganley could also see time in the midfield, while Anabelle Cook could also drop back to defense at times.

"We are looking for more balance in our scoring, so we are hoping that a variety of players in different positions step up and score goals this year," said Hendee. "We need to (improve on) making creative runs off the ball. It's hard making that adjustment to the varsity level. If you are coming in as someone who was fast down at the JV level, you can get away with running straight down the middle of the field. You can't at the varsity level because you'll be matched up. The players have to learn how to create better opportunities with runs off the ball and more lateral movement in attack to try to mix up the defense. If you run straight down the field, it's easy (to defend you). We're working on that stuff now, more lateral movement."

Hendee was asked if she plans on changing formations.

"We change (formations) according to the game (we're in). If we're in a game where we are up a goal and we need to protect that lead, then we will play with two girls upfront and I'll drop a fifth defender back there and pack it in," she answered.

Wilmington was slated to open the season on Wednesday against Reading with results not known as of presstime. As usual the 'Cats will open the season against three of the Middlesex League Liberty School teams with No. 18 ranked Winchester on Monday, and then Arlington next Wednesday. With so many holes to be filled, Hendee thinks it may take some time to get things going, but she is certainly optimistic with what she sees, knowing that a start to a new streak could very well happen this fall.

"I think our starting eleven will be pretty solid and from there we have twelve new people so it'll take some time," she said.

"They are all in great shape and all get along well. I think the freshmen are a strong, athletic group and there's a decent number of them. They just need to find their voice and find their confidence but there's a bunch of good, solid players. We're taking five with us on the varsity team."

"They are definitely hard working. They are definitely learning. I think we're going to take our lumps and learn. I purposely tried to balance my roster to build for the future. We have seven overall sophomores and I have three on varsity. Last year's freshmen class was really small."

Where's the Action?				
Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Wilmington High Sports				
Thursday	Sept 8	V Golf	at Reading	3:30 pm
Thursday	Sept 8	V Field Hockey	at Reading	4:15 pm
Thursday	Sept 8	V Boys Soccer	vs Reading (N)	4:15 pm
Thursday	Sept 8	V Volleyball	at Reading	5:15 pm
Friday	Sept 9	V Golf	at Burlington	3:30 pm
Saturday	Sept 10	V Football	vs AC at Medford HS	11:00 am
Monday	Sept 12	V Golf	vs Belmont	3:30 pm
Monday	Sept 12	V Boys Soccer	at Winchester	4:15 pm
Monday	Sept 12	V Girls Soccer	vs Winchester	4:15 pm
Monday	Sept 12	V Volleyball	vs Winchester	5:15 pm
Tuesday	Sept 13	V Golf	vs Wakefield	3:30 pm
Tuesday	Sept 13	V Field Hockey	at Winchester	4:15 pm
Wednesday	Sept 14	V Boys Soccer	vs Arlington (N)	4:15 pm
Wednesday	Sept 14	V Girls Soccer	at Arlington	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Sept 14	V Volleyball	at Arlington	6:30 pm
Thursday	Sept 15	V Golf	at Watertown	3:30 pm
Thursday	Sept 15	V Field Hockey	at Arlington	6:30 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	Sept 8	V Golf	vs Nashoba Tech	2:40 pm
Thursday	Sept 8	V Boys Soccer	vs Lynn Tech	4:00 pm
Thursday	Sept 8	V Girls Soccer	vs Innovation	4:00 pm
Friday	Sept 9	V Golf	vs Bedford	2:40 pm
Friday	Sept 9	V Volleyball	at Mystic Valley	5:30 pm
Saturday	Sept 10	V Football	vs Bedford	1:30 pm
Tuesday	Sept 13	V Golf	at Lowell Catholic	3:30 pm
Tuesday	Sept 13	V Boys Soccer	vs Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Tuesday	Sept 13	V Girls Soccer	at Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Tuesday	Sept 13	V Volleyball	vs Lynn Tech	5:30 pm
Wednesday	Sept 14	V Cross-Country	vs Lowell Catholic	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Sept 14	V Volleyball	vs Lowell Catholic	5:30 pm
Thursday	Sept 15	V Golf	vs Gr. Lawrence	2:40 pm
Thursday	Sept 15	V Boys Soccer	at Northeast	4:00 pm
Thursday	Sept 15	V Girls Soccer	vs Northeast	4:00 pm

Shawsheen Tech Football Preview

Rams' offense could be dangerous in competitive CAC

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BILLERICA - It was a season of mixed results for the Shawsheen Tech Football team last season on their way to a 6-5 overall record.

The Rams started the season with a lopsided loss to non-league rival Bedford, before seeing their non-league game against Triton postponed due to a health issue at Triton.

They then righted the ship to improve to 4-2 at one point in the season, before dropping to 5-5, including a loss in to Northeast in the semifinals of the Large School Vocational playoffs.

The Rams did however, rebound with a thrilling 35-28 win over Arlington Catholic to finish with a winning record for the season, which was no small feat considering the youth of their roster.

Shawsheen coach Al Costabile, entering his 25th season as head coach of the Rams, felt that earning that sixth win of the season and clinching a winning record was important for his team.

"We had a tough start to the season with a tough game against Bedford and then the Triton game," Costabile said. "It kind of put us behind the eight ball early in the season, but I was very happy with the way the team matured as the season went on. They found a way to become a winning team, which is important for a young team."

"We had a lot of young players who gained a lot of experience last season, so we are hoping that pays off. We have a lot of kids with a lot of experience heading into the season, and that should help us."

One of those young, but still experienced players that Costabile will be counting on most will be sophomore quarterback Sidney Tildsley, who threw for 854 yards and ten touchdowns last season, while rushing for



The Shawsheen Tech Football team will open their season up at home on Saturday against a highly touted Bedford team. Among the members of this year's team includes Wilmington residents, including front row from left, Zack Timmons, Ryan Copson, Trent Wedge, Jason Marrone, and Bryan Keohan; and back from left, Cullen Walsh, Zach Rogers, Kevin Ackerley, Jared Bishop, Nathan Melo and Zack Blonigen.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

another 250 yards and five touchdowns to earn CAC All-Star honors.

"We will be looking for him to have a great season for us," Costabile said. "He is a great young leader. We will be looking for him to be a dual threat for us. He can really do it all."

The athletic Tildsley will certainly provide a threat running the ball, but when he does put the ball in the air, he will have a pair of talented wide receivers to throw to in senior Mavrick Bourdeau, along with fellow senior Kevin Ackerley of Wilmington.

Bourdeau led the Rams in receiving last year with 20 catches for 340 yards and five touchdowns, while Ackerley had three catches for 38 yards and two touchdowns while playing wide receiver for just two games. One of his touchdown catches was one of the biggest of the season for the Rams, com-

ing with eight seconds left in the first half of their Thanksgiving Day game with Arlington Catholic, tying the game at 21-21 at the time, in a game the Rams would go on to win 35-28.

"They are both good athletes and good multi-sport athletes," Costabile said. "They bring a lot of athleticism to our attack."

In addition to their being key parts of the Rams offense and defense, Ackerley and Bourdeau will also serve as co-captain this season, and Costabile couldn't be happier to see them in those roles.

"They are two great kids, and as a head coach, I feel so lucky to have two captains of this caliber," Costabile said. "They are not only two very good football players and multi-sport athletes, but they are just great, great kids. We are very lucky to have them."

Another key skill position player for the Rams will be junior running back Caleb Caceres, who rushed for 526 yards and five touchdowns last season, to lead the Rams in both categories. Costabile will be looking for even bigger and better things from Caceres this season.

"We are hoping that he will build on the success he had last season and take the next step forward," Costabile said. "He got some valuable experience as a young player last season, so we are hoping that pays off for him."

Junior wide receivers Zach Rogers of Wilmington and Evan Galanis of Tewksbury also saw time in the starting lineup last season and will be looking to reprise their roles as key members of the Rams offense.

Several young and talented players will also be looking for playing time at the skill positions for the Rams, with sophomore running back Zach Timmons of Wilmington, sophomore wide receiver William Holloway of Tewksbury, freshman wide receiver Dyllon Pratt and freshman running back James Tildsley all looking to make their mark.

Of course, not much happens offensively in either the passing or running game without a strong offensive line, and in the Rams case, they seem to be in very good hands up front, with some talented players returning to the starting lineup, led by 6-foot-5, 260-pound senior center Cooper Lemieux of Tewksbury.

"Cooper is another player we are hoping will take the next step forward this

season," Costabile said. "He had a good season last year and he has had a great camp, so we are hoping that carries forward into the season."

Joining Lemieux up front will be juniors Austin Malandain (6-1, 215) and Richard Elliot III (6-0, 220), both also returning starters.

"Both Austin and Richard started some games as freshmen and then they started every game last season," Costabile said. "They bring some great experience into the season."

Senior Tim Cassidy also saw playing time on the offensive line last season and will return to the Rams lineup, while newcomer Cullen Walsh of Wilmington, a sophomore, will also be in the mix for playing time both on the offensive line as well as linebacker.

"Cullen has had a very good camp, and we are looking for big things from him on both sides of the ball," Costabile said.

Defensively, the Rams look like they could be very strong, led by Elliot at defensive tackle and junior Tommy Cormier at defensive end. Elliot had 53 tackles last season, which was good for third on the team, and he was followed closely by Cormier, who had 50 tackles along with three sacks.

In addition to his play at wide receiver, Ackerley will also be one of the Rams best defenders from his outside linebacker position, where he had 50 tackles last season. Bourdeau and Tildsley will also be two way players for the Rams, with Bourdeau at cornerback and Tildsley at safety. Bourdeau had 24 tackles

as well as a fumble recovery last season, while Tildsley had 40 tackles and two interceptions.

Both Ackerley and Bourdeau were also selected a CAC All-Stars last season, along with Tildsley.

Junior Ryan Copson of Wilmington will be another key cornerback for the Rams, coming off a sophomore campaign where he had 27 tackles and three interceptions.

The Rams will kick off their season once again with a matchup against non-league rival Bedford, on Saturday at 1:30. Bedford handled the Rams easily in last season's opener at Bedford, rolling to a 42-14 victory. The Bucs will provide another tough test this season, as they are ranked seventh in the Division 4 preseason rankings, and are coming off a big playoff win against Tewksbury in the first round of the Division 4 playoffs last season.

Costabile knows it will be no easy task, but he is hoping the Rams can get off to a better start against both Bedford and fellow non-league rival Triton in Week 2, before beginning league play in Week 3 on the road against Essex Tech. Regardless of the outcome of the games, Costabile will be looking for improvement from his team early on in the season.

"It will be very important for us to be competitive early on," Costabile said. "Last year we were not competitive against them. In those non-league early season games, we will be looking to improve and to find things we can build on heading into the league schedule."

And once they do head into the league schedule, the task does not get any easier, with the likes of Essex Tech, ranked eighth in Division 8, and Manchester Essex, ranked second in Division 8, on the schedule. They will also face tough tests against traditional league rivals Northeast, Greater Lowell and Whittier Tech.

Still, Costabile feels like his team can compete for a playoff spot and even compete for the CAC title once again, after winning it in three of four seasons from 2016 through 2019.

"It's going to be a very balanced league, just like it was last year, with a lot of close games," Costabile said. "But I would hope we will be in the hunt for the league title. That is what we are planning on, but we know that we are going to have to play well if want do that, because the league is going to be very good."

Single-game rushing leaders in Mass

According to the Boston Herald, here are the top 19 single-game rushing leaders over the modern-era in Massachusetts High School Football. Shawsheen Tech's Cody Foss and Wilmington's Ernie Mello, are still among the top.

Single-game rushing leaders:

1. Zach Levy, Bellingham vs. Case, 11-4-2016, 38-546
2. Angelo LaRose, Worcester South vs. Worcester Tech 11-12-2021, 33-444
3. Cody Titus, St Bernard's vs. Littleton, 10-15-2011, 34-436
4. Brandon Guy, Lynn English vs. Swampscott, 09-29-2001, 45-426
- 5 (tie). Rob Evans, Dennis-Yarmouth vs. Scituate, 9-10-2017, 27-425; Jake Doherty, Burlington vs. Bedford, 9-7-2017, 40-425
7. Melquawn Pinkney, Putnam vs. Agawam, 9-23-2011, 17-421
8. Ryan Izzo, Walpole vs. Weymouth, 11-26-2008, 24-420
9. Angelo LaRose, Worcester South vs. Auburn, 10-1-2021, 35-413
- 10 (tie). Matt Livermore, Minnechaug vs. Chicopee Comp., 10-29-99, 46-411; Dave Greer, St. Sebastian's vs. Milton Academy, 10-03-1998, 23-411
12. Javier Melendez, Springfield Central vs. Westfield, 10-12-2007, 28-410
13. Peter Harris, Brockton vs. Xaverian, 10-15-1994, 35-406
14. Cory Foss, Shawsheen vs. North Shore, 10-4-2009, 49-405
15. Nick Oswald, North Andover vs. Dracut, 11-4-2012, 39-402
16. Rhondo Robinson, Dorchester vs. East Boston, 10-15-1978, 24-401
17. Michael Silva, Milton Academy vs. Governor's, 11-4-2016, 31-395
18. Ernie Mello, Wilmington vs. Lawrence, 9-21-2007, 41-391
19. Angelo LaRose, Worcester South vs. St Paul's, 9-5-2021, 47-383



The Wilmington residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech Fall Cheerleading team includes from left, Rachel Botte, Michaela Knee, Rylie Eisnor, Amelie DeBlois, Isabella Catalano, Ariana Braga, Sophia Calumby, and Ella Brena.

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Shawsheen Tech Captain from Wilmington to be full-time wide receiver

Ackerley catching on nicely in new roles

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BILLERICA - With time winding down in the first half of last season's Thanksgiving Day game with Arlington Catholic, the Shawsheen Tech Football team found themselves on the short end of a 21-14 score, and looked as if they would head to halftime trailing the Cougars by seven points.

But that was where quarterback Sidney Tildsley and wide receiver Kevin Ackerley, of Wilmington, stepped up to make the biggest play of the game to that point, connecting on a 10-yard touchdown pass with just eight seconds left in the half to tie the game and send the Rams to the locker room in a 21-21 deadlock.

Shawsheen would go on to win the game 35-28, clinching a winning season with a 6-5 overall record.

The player on the receiving end of the score, Ackerley, was relatively new to the receiver position, after normally starting at linebacker for the Rams, but he loved being part of such a big play. It was just his third catch of the season, but it was nearly a carbon copy of a catch he had made in the Rams previous game.

"That play was a long time coming," said Ackerley who is now preparing to enter his senior season with the Rams. "I only started as receiver for the last two games, but (assistant) coach (Doug) Pratt had that play designed for me. We had run it the week before, and it also went for a touchdown.

As excited as he was to score such a big touchdown, Ackerley deferred credit for the clutch score to one of his fellow receivers.

"I really have to give all the credit on that play to Evan Galanis," Ackerley said. "He comes over the top of me and kind of covers me up so I can get open, so he made a really great play. That was a huge play, but really, we had so many kids have

great games, like (running back) Caleb Caceres and so many other kids, so it was great just to be a part of that."

That team first attitude, from deferring credit to others, to his willingness to do whatever it takes to help his team win is just part of the reason why Ackerley was chosen, along with fellow senior Mavrick Bourdeau, to serve as co-captains for the Rams this season.

"Kevin is really an awesome kid to coach. He is the type of kid you want on your team," Shawsheen coach Al Costabile said. "He has no ego, and he will do anything to make the team better. He is the type of kid you want your younger players learning from, because he is willing to do whatever it takes."

Ackerley, for his part, was thrilled to be named captain. When he spoke to the Town Crier by phone on Monday afternoon, he had just recently been informed by Costabile that his teammate had selected him as a captain.

"Actually, Coach (Costabile) just called me about 40 minutes ago and told me," Ackerley said. "I am very excited for it. One of the best things about being captain is that you have to be a leader before you can be a captain. You kind of have to prove yourself as a sophomore and a junior. It is a tremendous feeling, especially to alongside Mavrick, who is such a great player and leader."

Ackerley is a pretty good player himself, having finished third on the team in tackles last season with 50, to go along with one fumble recovery and one pass breakup from his outside linebacker position, earning CAC All-Star honors along with Bourdeau and quarterback Sid Tildsley. This was before adding his late season offensive exploits to his list of talents.

"Kevin played for us as a sophomore, but really blossomed last year as a junior," Costabile said. "He had a great season for us at linebacker last

season. He just has a nose for the football, and is always around the ball. He also has great hands and runs great routes at wide receiver. He is a very disciplined football player and he leads by example."

While the glory of scoring a big touchdown in a big game is pretty much every football player's dream, the 6'0, 175 pound Ackerley still enjoys the defensive side of the ball even more than the offense.

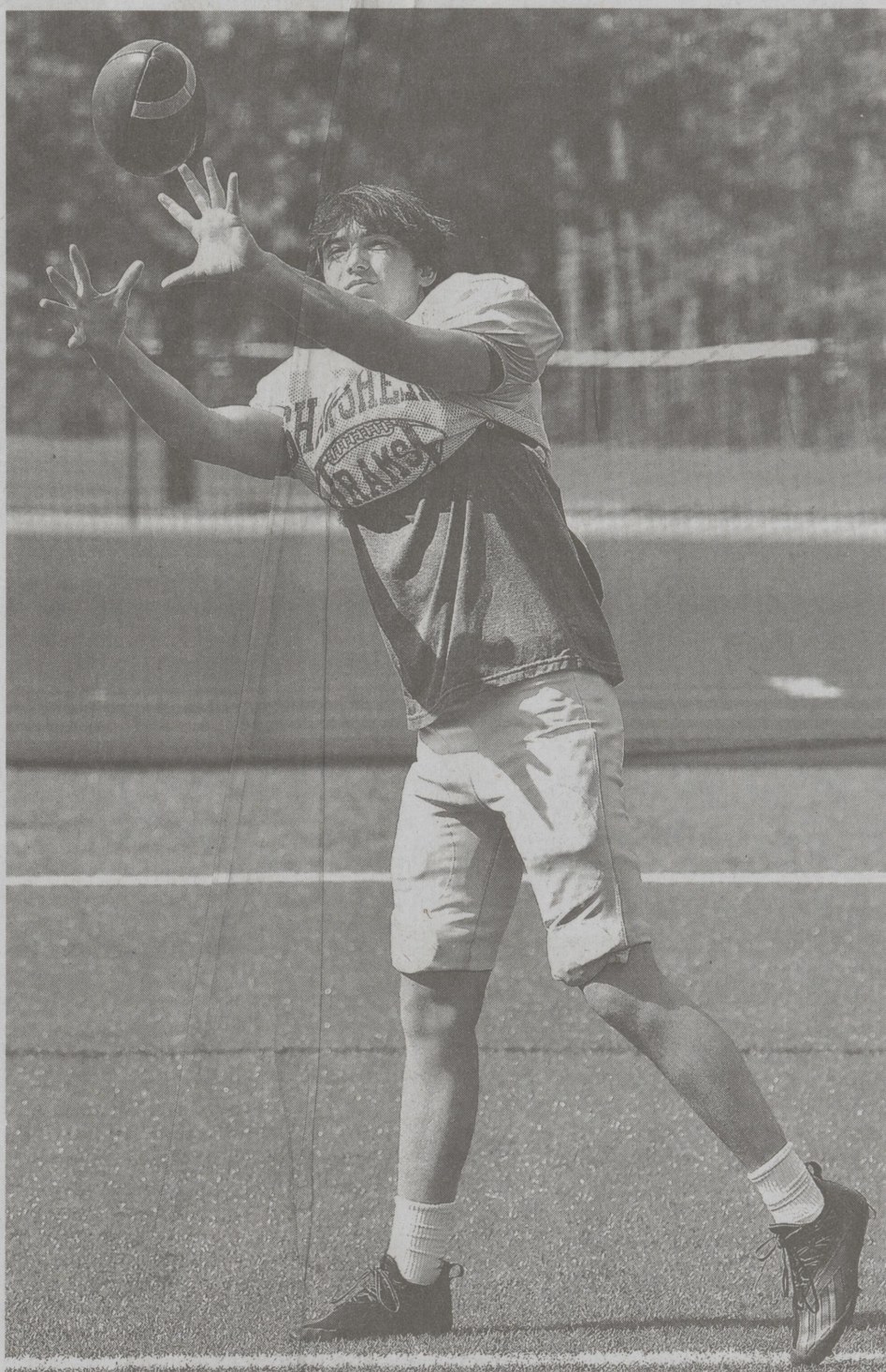
"I like them both, but I think I like defense better, just because it engages you on every play," Ackerley said. "Not that you aren't engaged on every play on offense, but defense offers a new challenge on every play, because you don't know where the play is going and you have something new on every play. I enjoy that aspect of it."

Another aspect of the defensive side of the ball that Ackerley enjoys is that he was mentored in the position by his good friend Alex Newcomb of Tewksbury. Newcomb was a senior when Ackerley was a freshman, and his tutelage and support are a big reason why Ackerley has been so successful.

"The summer between my freshman and sophomore year, me and one of my friends would go to the field and just worked out and worked on our game with some of the older players," Ackerley said. "Alex Newcomb really helped me out. That was when I became a linebacker. He was the best linebacker I ever saw here, and he would give me rides home, and just talk to me about playing linebacker. He was a big help to me. I learned a lot from him, and he is a big reason why I started as a sophomore."

Ackerley has also learned plenty from Costabile, not just on the football field, but also in the way he conducts himself off the field.

"Coach (Costabile) has been great. He brings a great energy to practice every single day," Ackerley said. "He is a great guy, and it's not



Wilmington resident Kevin Ackerley reaches out to make a grab, while playing catch with one of his teammates during the Town Crier's Photo Day last Wednesday. The Shawsheen Tech senior captain will be a wide receiver and linebacker this season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

even just during football season. I talk to (Costabile) all year long. He makes it a point to know everyone's name. Even the kids who get cut (Costabile) will always see them and ask how they are doing. I also play hockey, and he's always asking how I am doing with that, and he does that for all the kids

in all of their other sports."

With Costabile's leadership, along with the leadership of Ackerley and Bourdeau, not to mention a talented young lineup, Ackerley is confident that the Rams can have a very successful season this year.

"I think we can make a deep run into the playoffs.

Obviously, we have a very big challenge in front of us with our first game against Bedford, but I think we can compete for the league title and the state vocational title. If we win the games we are supposed to win, we should have a good chance at the league title."

Shawsheen Golfers will be swinging for 18th straight league title

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BILLERICA - Coming off a perfect 17-0 season, which included their 17th consecutive Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship, the Shawsheen Tech Golf team enters his season with great expectations once again.

And while that is nothing new for a program that has had as much success as Shawsheen has had for nearly two decades this season may offer even more optimism than most, with the Rams bringing back all but one player from last season, having lost Andrew Gateneri from that undefeated squad.

The Rams return all of their top scorers from last year's team, including number one player and returning captain, Matt Tramonte of Tewksbury.

Shawsheen coach Tom Struthers, who enters his 18th year as head coach of the Rams knows that with great success comes great pressure, but he is also confident that he has a group of players ready to face that pressure and have another great season.

"To go 17-0 last year with a group of kids who were mainly freshmen and sophomores was fantastic, especially being so young," Struthers said. "The kids understand the pressure, but this should be one of the best seasons we have ever had. This is going to be a year where if they trust themselves and remain focused, they will do very well, but if they don't, they will not."

Last season, in addition

to going undefeated and winning the CAC championship, the Rams also finished second in the CAC Tournament to Greater Lawrence, and were third at the Massachusetts Vocational Large School Tournament. They also managed a sixth place finish in the Division 3 Central Mass sectional tournament. As impressive as that was, Struthers and the Rams are looking for even better results this time around.

"That is always our goal, is to win the league, win the vocational tournament and qualify for the state tournament," Struthers said. "We have a lot of kids who are returning, and also have some fresh blood coming in. We are hoping to win everything. We just have to want it."

Leading the way once again for the Rams will be Tramonte, who will be looking to continue what has already been a great career. He enters his junior season as the returning team captain.

"Even as a freshman, Matt was our number three player. He is just a great golfer," Struthers said. "Matt had a little slump last year during tournament play, but he learned from it. He is the type of player where you know he is going to score at least 35 points almost every time out. He is a great player and a great golfer."

Nipping at Tramonte's heels will be sophomore Tyler Tsoukalas, who will play in the number two slot.

"Tyler is just a dynamite player," Struthers said. "He and Matt are very close to each other, so we

are very strong at one and two."

But as strong as the Rams are at their top two spots, Struthers is even more excited about spots three through 12, where he is counting on the team's depth to lead them in several matches.

While the lineup is of course subject to change, depending on performance in practices and matches, junior Colin Lawson will begin the season as the Rams number three player, while fellow juniors Brendan Lee will slot in at number four and Derek Nazzaro of Tewksbury will start the year at number five.

"Colin is a fantastic player. The last three practices, he has been averaging 39 or 40," Struthers said. "He has been playing with Brendan and they have both been very consistent, as has Derek. He has been shooting about 38 or 39 in practice."

Junior Liam Milne is slotting in at number six for the Rams, while sophomore Mike Giordano will be at number seven and junior Sean Schlehuber will be at number eight.

A new addition to the Rams lineup this season will be freshman Max Carpenter, who will compete for playing time in his first year of high school golf.

"He is a great player. His brother Zach played for us about five years ago and he was a great player as well," Struthers said. "We didn't know much about Max coming into the season, but he has been great. He has been shooting 38 and 39 in practice. He is already a very good

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KEVIN ACKERLEY



Shawsheen Tech recently named Katie McGinness as the new Varsity Volleyball coach. A former player at Billerica High, she is also the school's librarian.

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Soccer team shooting for a turnaround season

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BILLERICA - A little past the midway point of last season, the Shawsheen Tech Girls Soccer team was struggling along, having gone winless in their first eight games, as the team tried to overcome both heavy losses to graduation from the year before, as well as some key injuries. But despite their struggles, Shawsheen coach Doug Michaud and his players knew they were much better than their record indicated, and decided to do something about it.

And do something about it, they did, going 3-2-1 the rest of the season, a vast improvement from the first half of the year, to finish 3-10-1 overall and 3-8-1 within the CAC.

"We switched around our formation and we switched around a lot of players. We had a lot of injuries, and because of that, we had a lot of players playing out of position, so there was a lot of trial and error," Michaud said. "Halfway through the season, we sat down and looked at the schedule, and basically it was the same as the first half. But a lot of those games in the first half had been very close. So, I kind of reminded them of that, and I think that kind of fired them up and we set a goal to at least win half of the remaining games, and we were able to do even a little better than that."

It could have been even better for the Rams, as among their three losses late in the year was a 1-0 defeat to powerful Mystic, which was not decided until Mystic scored a late game winning goal. But regardless, the Rams had made some great strides over the last half of the season, strides that Michaud, entering his 17th season as head coach of the Rams, hopes will continue this season.

Helping the cause will be that the Rams enter this season much different than last season, when they had lost 15 seniors from the year before to graduation. They will enter this season having lost only one player from last season, captain Ella Malvone. And while Malvone will be sorely missed, the Rams appear ready to start off much stronger this season.

"I hope we can pick up



The Wilmington residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech Girls Soccer team includes from left, Kailyn Harless, Celia Vindice, Alexis LeBlanc, Skylar Driscoll, Riley Rourke, Katelyn MacPherson, and Sydney MacPherson. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

where we left off. We have some new players who are looking good, and we have some seniors who are taking charge," Michaud said. "We have a good senior group, and some good returning players, so I am hoping we can do well."

Two of the biggest injuries last season for the Rams were to Lindsay McCarthy and Makayla Melanson of Tewksbury, with McCarthy missing the entire season due to injury and Melanson missing several games in the second half of the season. But both players are back for the Rams as seniors this year and Michaud is hoping they will make a huge difference to the team's success.

"We thought Lindsay was going to be an attack or a midfielder for us, but we lost her for the whole year, and then losing Makayla towards the end of the year really hurt us," Michaud said. "I feel like if we had the both of them for the whole season, we could have been a lot better, so it is great to have the two of them back"

Melanson who will also serve as a tri-captain this season along with fellow seniors Brielle Pigott and Kerry Brown, will be part of a strong defensive pairing along with Brown. Melanson and Brown did not initially start off as defenders, but once moving into the position last season, they adapted very well and became one of the team's biggest strengths. Michaud is looking for more of the same this season.

"Kerry had played forward for a couple of years, but she always did a great job of pressuring the other team when they had the ball and making steals, so I moved her back to defense," said Michaud. "We did that because we were kind of thin back there and she just did a great job for us, breaking up a lot of plays, and she has just been a huge success back there for us."

"Makayla was another player who had started off playing up front for us, and then I moved her to the middle, and she had done a great job for us wherever I put her, so I

thought, why not put her back on defense? So, I put her next to Kerry and the two of them worked really well together."

Unfortunately, it is not all good news for the Rams on the injury front, as Pigott, who was slated to be their starting center-midfielder will miss the entire season with an injury.

"Brielle just did so much for us out there. She would be all over the place making plays for us, helping to set up the offense," Michaud said. "She did a lot for us, so to lose her for the season is definitely going to be a big loss for us."

Adding to the Rams strong defense will be the return of sophomore goalie Sydney MacPherson of Wilmington. MacPherson got a bit of a trial by fire in the first half of the season last year as the only goalie on the roster. But by mid-season, she, like many others on the team, had gotten her feet wet, and was much stronger the rest of the way.

"It was tough for her last year, because we had

graduated two senior goalies from the year before, so there was really no one in front of her with any experience to kind of show her the ropes, so it was a challenge for me, and a challenge for her," Michaud said. "But she got better as the season went on and we are hoping that she steps in this year after a year of experience and it will be a much smoother transition for her. She has looked good so far, so we are hoping for a good season from her."

Up front, the Rams will have some scoring punch with freshman Maria Cafaro stepping into the lineup. While she lacks experience, Michaud says Cafaro has already shown the skills necessary to compete at the varsity level.

"We have seen some great things out of her," Michaud said. "She has great confidence with the ball and has done a great job distributing the ball, so we are looking for big things from her."

In the midfield, the Rams will be led by senior Katelyn MacPherson of Wilmington at center mid, along with sophomore outside midfielder Judith Sloman.

"(Sloman) came into camp in great shape. She has been in front of all of our sprints and long runs. We just had a scrimmage the other day and she put some great shots on net and had a nice goal. She has just really stood out for us," Michaud said. "Katelyn was a defender her freshman and sopho-

more year, and I put her in center mid last year and she did a great job for us. So, she is great in the middle, but other than her, we are kind of inexperienced there after losing Brielle."

Several other local players will be looking to contribute to the Rams success as well, with senior outside midfielder Natalie Martin of Tewksbury, along with junior midfielder/forward Riley Rourke both returning to the lineup, along with sophomore forwards Kailyn Harless of Wilmington and Kendra Minghella of Tewksbury as well as sophomore defender Skylar Driscoll of Wilmington.

With a much more experienced roster than last season, Michaud is confident that his team can build off of last season's success and make a run at a state tournament bid after missing out last season. He does acknowledge, however, that the competition in the CAC will be very strong.

"I always feel like we are going to do well. I feel like we should be able to qualify for the tournament," Michaud said. "I honestly don't know what other teams may have added or lost, but Greater Lowell is always good and we go back and forth with them. Mystic Valley, for whatever reason has been a little untouchable for us, but I don't think we are actually that far away from them. And Essex has been very good and will be tough to catch, but I think we can do well."



The three Tewksbury residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech Girls' Soccer team includes from left, Natalie Martin, Makayla Melanson, and Kendra Minghella. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Golfers swinging for 18th straight title

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golfer and he is just going to get better."

Carpenter represents a great trend for the Shawsheen golf program, which obviously continues to churn out excellent players on a yearly basis.

"The great thing about Shawsheen is that we draw from some great communities with some good athletes," Struthers said. "We have a good mixture from all our towns, which is great to see. And we have some great golfers. Even the kids that got cut from the tryout were all good players as well. You can see the future at the tryouts, which is great to see. The kids just want to be part of it, and we will see them again in the next year or two."

And Struthers knows that the Rams will need to con-

tinue that flow of talent, as the CAC continues to get stronger. While the Rams remain the clear favorites in the league, the gap is closing, as evidenced by Greater Lawrence winning the CAC Tournament last year, as well as the improvement of several other teams. The Rams of course, will once again play a challenging non-league schedule as well, facing the likes of Bedford, Burlington, Somerville and Billerica.

"Greater Lawrence had a kid who shot 68 at the tournament last year, and a lot of the other teams are getting better as well," Struthers said. "It's nice when the league is strong. That, and playing a tough non-league schedule, will only make us better."

Shawsheen Tech Boys Soccer Preview

Coach Severo's team looking to build off recent success

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BILLERICA- If ever a team did not come out of the gates at the start of the season the way they wanted to, that team would be the 2021 Shawsheen Tech Boys Soccer team. After one half of play against arch rival Greater Lowell in last year's season opener, the Rams found themselves in a 3-0 hole against the Gryphons.

But, rather than panic, Shawsheen coach Tom Severo gathered his young team at halftime and came up with a new plan, literally redesigning the Rams offensive formation on the fly, putting one forward up front, while dropping four players into the midfield. The results were almost immediate. While the Rams fell short in their comeback attempt against the Gryphons, as they ultimately lost by a score of 3-2, the change set into a motion a completely different path for the season, as the Rams went on to post an 8-3-3 record on the season, qualifying for post-season play, where they were eliminated by Nantucket by a score of 2-1.

Severo, who is now entering his ninth year as head coach of the Rams, looked back with great respect for what his team was able to accomplish last season, while at the same time, looking ahead to what he hopes is even more success this season.

"We were starting out with basically a new team last year. At halftime of our first game, we were down 3-0, but we used halftime to make some adjustments in our formation and then in the next few games we were trying

to break that formation in, which we did successfully," Severo said. "And we had a great year and a lot of kids got some great experience and most of them are back, so we are very excited for the season."

One thing that Severo is hoping for this season is a little better start than they got off to last year. With a number of players returning from last year's squad, and the Rams losing only two starters off of last year's team, Severo is confident that his team can do just that.

"I am optimistic that we can have a good season. We are looking to hit the ground running, which obviously last year we didn't because we were so inexperienced," Severo said. "But this year I think they know each other better and know their positions better and how to play with each other, so we have some high hopes."

While the Rams do only lose starters, they were probably two of the most important players on the Rams roster in captain/midfielder Jeremy Perez as well as goalie Tyler Kopacz, both of Tewksbury.

The Rams are very fortunate in that they appear to have a more than capable replacement for Kopacz in junior goalie Nick Gerasimov, who led the Rams to a win over Dracut and a tie against Lowell Catholic when he replaced an injured Kopacz for two games last season without allowing a goal in either game.

"You don't replace Jeremy, because he was just the heart and soul in so many ways, so you just have to compensate with that, and it's same with Tyler, because he was



The Wilmington members in this year's Shawsheen Tech Boys Soccer program includes front row from left, Ryan Quamme, Jack Bourque, Josha Haerer, and Jason Spaniol and back row from left, Lincoln Levesque, Frankie Grieco, Evan Pinto, Kaleb Molina, Oliva Ferrer, and Layne Coutu. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

such a good goalie," Severo said. "But, as we saw last season, Nick stepped in and played very well. We are very confident in him. He is a talented athlete, and we are looking for some great things from him in goal."

Another player that Severo is excited to see big things from this season will be senior midfielder and captain Noah Rizzo of Tewksbury. Rizzo has been with the Rams since he was a freshman, and was a captain last season as a junior. After his performance in the playoff loss to Nantucket last season, Severo can't wait to see

what he has to offer this season.

"Noah was a very good player for us last year, but I think the Noah we are going to see this year is going to be even better. In the Nantucket game, he scored our only goal," Severo said. "He went through their entire team and he looked like Diego Maradona. He faked some kids out, he bull rushed another kid. He just went through their entire team and then got off a great shot to score the goal. He is a talented kid, and he has a great desire and a great attitude. He is going to be a great player."

Rizzo will be a tri-captain along with senior sweeper Cam Camelio of Billerica, as well as senior midfielder Evan Pinto of Wilmington, both of whom are also returning captains. Severo is confident that the trio will be great leaders both on and off the field.

"Cam is worth his weight in gold. There were so many opportunities for him to shine last season, because unfortunately so many players were able to get through to him, but he has speed, the skill and the smarts to play that position," Severo said. "He saves a lot of potential goals by being smart

and breaking up plays."

Pinto is another returning captain. He played the first four games last season, and then reinjured his ACL, which he had injured the year before. He won't be ready for the start of the season, but he will be back in the second week of the season.

"Evan didn't play a lot last season, because he had to have another operation, and he has rehabbed really well," Severo said. "He is a very talented kid and he has a lot of skill, so once we can add him to our lineup, and he is the player that we know he is capable of being, he should make us even stronger."

Sophomore fullback Ethan Melanson of Tewksbury will also return to the starting lineup after a very promising freshman season.

"Ethan was fabulous last year for us as a freshman, and he is back this year as a sophomore, but he plays like a senior," Severo said. "He is a very talented kid. He is composed and under control. He is a very smart and strong player."

Many other players will also contribute to the Rams success this season, including senior fullbacks Jonathan MacEachern and Tom Robeneck, as well as senior midfielder Tyler Francois and Nico Georgoulis, junior midfielder Brian Duhamel and senior forward Joey Woodward, the team's leading scorer last season with 13 goals.

The Rams will be much better prepared this season, but they will also be facing a very talented CAC schedule. Severo is confident in his team, but he also knows that there will be no easy games on their schedule.

"Greater Lowell is always a test for us, and we open up with them again. Lynn Tech is going to be very good, and Northeast is a very talented team, as is Essex," Severo said. "And we have two games against each of those teams, so it will be a challenge. We are going to have to play our very best to win those games. That's how strong those teams are."

Challenging or not, Severo and the Rams have set some very high goals for themselves, particularly in light of their long road trip to Nantucket for last season's playoff game.

"We would like to not only host a tournament game, but win our tournament game," Severo said. "We don't want make any more long trips this year."

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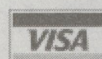
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New Rams' Cross-Country coach Dorazio honored to have the chance to run the show

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BILLERICA - When Pat Kelly decided to step down at the end of last season after eight years of coaching the Shawsheen Tech Boys and Girls Cross Country teams, the Rams were more fortunate than most teams who lose a long time, popular coach such as Kelly.

While many teams would struggle to find an adequate replacement, the Rams didn't have to search very far at all to replace Kelly, as his long time assistant Dan Dorazio was waiting in the wings. After 13 years as an assistant coach to both Kelly and his predecessor, Tim Broadrick, as well as one year, back in 2014, as the interim head coach, Dorazio was more than ready, and more than capable of taking over the head coaching reins on a permanent basis.

Shawsheen Athletic Director Al Costabile knows how fortunate to Rams were to have a coach like Dorazio, who could easily transition from being an assistant to being a head coach.

"Dan has been with us for a number of years, and he has always been a big,

smooth transition has been the athletes on both the boys and girls squads.

"There has been no problem at all with the transition from assistant coach to head coach," Dorazio said. "They know what to expect of me as a coach and they know what I expect and demand out of them, which a two-way street in terms of respect, and that I do hold them accountable. But with this group, that is not really an issue, because it is just such a great group of kids."

Dorazio has a long history at Shawsheen in addition to his coaching career. After graduating from Billerica High, and then Middlesex Community College, Dorazio came to work at Shawsheen Tech in 1970 when the school opened. Apparently, it was a good fit for both parties, as Dorazio spent the next 32 years working at the Tech in the Buildings and Grounds Department, taking care of the fields he currently coaches on, or at least their pre-artificial term predecessors.

"These were all grass fields when I was working here and I took care of them by myself. It was a very rewarding career, but



The Wilmington residents who are on the Shawsheen Tech Boys and Girls Cross-Country teams include, front row from left, Alyssa Costantiello, Amelia Matzke, Bella Mason; and back row from left, Derek Mulik, Patrick Tassone, Liam Finn and Logan Pyles. (photo by Mike Ippolito).

Boys teams brings back alot of experience; Girls also return some talent

Shawsheen's Cross-Country teams vow to improve records

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BILLERICA - If you just look at the record of the Shawsheen Tech Boys Cross Country team last season, it looks like it was a rather disappointing season, as the Rams posted just a 2-6 overall record.

That record doesn't begin to tell the whole story of just how the season played out for the Rams, who came up just short in several of their meets, including losing their first three meets by one, three and five points respectively.

With a little luck, it certainly could have been a much better season, with a .500 record or better.

"Absolutely, they could have been 4-4, or perhaps even better than," Shawsheen coach Dan Dorazio said. "We had four meets where we lost by five points or less, so that record is very deceiving."

The good news for the Rams is that they bring back nearly all of their top runners from last season. While they will be hurt by the loss of captain Adam Ippolito of Tewksbury, who finished no lower than fourth among Rams runners in every meet last season, along with fellow captain Victor Lam, and several other seniors, they return six of their top seven runners from last season, and appear primed to pick up those few extra points they needed last year.

"We are very solid. The boys squad from one through seven is pretty well set, although we do have some young kids who are rocking the boat a little, so that kind of competition is good for everyone," Dorazio said. I think we will be that much better for it."

Dorazio - who is in his first year as head coach of the Rams after serving as an assistant to Pat Kelly for the past 13 seasons - has good reason to be optimistic, and one of the biggest reasons for his optimism is sophomore Noah Brooks, who by the end of last season had emerged as the Rams top runner, including finishing as the Rams number two runner in the CAC Meet with a time of 19:18. While still among their youngest runners, Brooks has emerged as the Rams top runner and will be looking to improve on last year's freshman campaign right from the

start this year.

"It's wonderful to have Noah back, because he sets a good example. He shows up every day and works hard. He is not a prima donna, he works hard every day and he leads by example," Dorazio said. "And the kids buy into that, they really do. And they acknowledge him as the performance leader, but they also acknowledge him as a leader by example."

Senior Ben Hollenbeck will also return to the Rams lineup as one of their top threats. He fin-

they have found an excellent young runner in freshman Ralph Raymond of Tewksbury. Raymond's presence on the team helps to add to a great mix of veterans and young runners that offer a bright hope for the Rams future.

"Ralph is very athletically gifted. He has been working hard all summer, and he has been pushing Noah for the top spot," Dorazio said. "This is all great stuff. We are still a very young team. We only have four of five seniors, as well as a bunch of juniors who have really

many of their meets, or running with several inexperienced runners at the varsity level.

Still, despite their limited roster, the Rams battled to a nearly .500 record, and much like the boys saw a freshman emerge as their top runner by the end of the season, with Amelia Matzke of Wilmington putting together a great season, including finishing in 16th place overall in the CAC Meet in a time of 24:21.

"Amelia had an outstanding season last year," Dorazio said. "She has looked good in pre-season practices, and we are looking for her to have another great season."

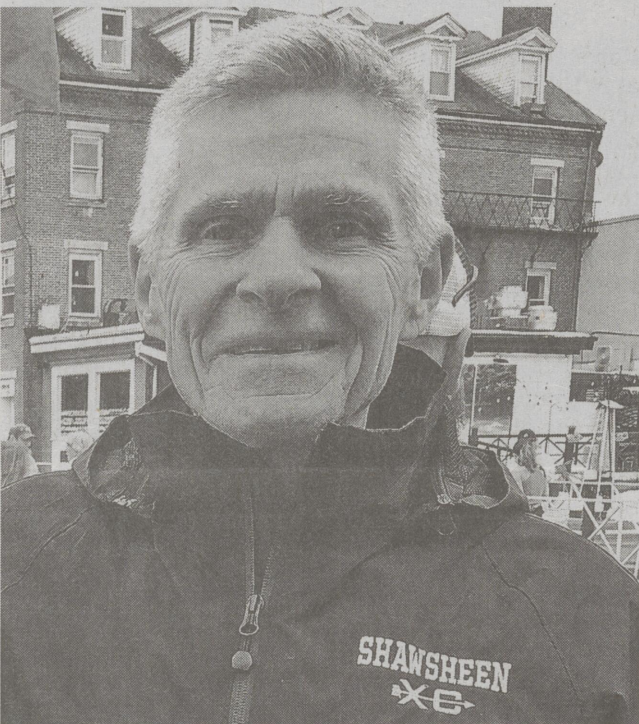
While the Rams were forced to say goodbye to co-captains Kaylee Gaffney of Tewksbury and Devin Sweeney, each of whom battled their way through injury plagued seasons last year, they do bring back some key runners from last year's squad, including senior Hannah Lyle, who was their top finisher in the CAC Meet last season, narrowly edging out Matzke for a 15th place finish in a time of 24:19.

They will also return another sophomore who had put together a strong freshman season before an injury cut it short, in Anna Andacic, while junior Bella Mason of Wilmington will return looking to build on a sophomore season where she continued to improve as the season went on.

"It is great to have the two of them back and we are hoping they can continue to improve after last season," Dorazio said. "We have also had some newcomers come along who have developed nicely so we hope that continues throughout the season."

Among the newcomers that Dorazio will be looking to contribute will be several local runners including freshman Ava Brothers and sophomore Corrine Foley of Tewksbury, along with sophomore Alyssa Costantiello of Wilmington as well as sophomore Melissa Lavine.

"We're hoping for some more kids to come out as well," Dorazio said. "Our cutoff is usually about a week after school opens, so it would be good to get some more kids."



DAN DORAZIO

big advocate for the kids," Costabile said. "He has done a great job for us an assistant cross country and spring track coach. He has such a great knowledge of running, especially distance running, so I know he will be successful as a head coach."

For Dorazio, who in addition to his role as assistant with Cross Country team, has also been an assistant with the Spring Track team for the past ten years, it was a thrill to be named head coach, but he also knows that Kelly will be missed.

"Well, for one thing it is very gratifying for me to be offered this position. Coach Kelly obviously will be missed greatly, because not only were we coaching cohorts, but we have become very good friends over the years," Dorazio said. "So, it is a bitter-sweet experience for me in that regard. The good thing about that is that he is always there to help me, so I have been relying on him heavily for his expertise as well as his ability to run a meet. He has great organizational skills."

"I have learned a lot along the way as well. I am happy and very excited for the opportunity to do this. This is my 13th year coaching here, so I feel like I am more than ready for it."

Indeed he is, and with a large group of returning runners to this year's team, particularly on the boys side, Dorazio has easily transitioned into his new role. A big reason for that for that of course is Dorazio's familiarity with the team, as well as his years of coaching experience, but he says the biggest reason for the

Rams Cross-Country Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time
9/7	Wed	at Whittier Tech	4:00 pm
9/14	Wed	vs Lowell Catholic	4:00 pm
9/28	Wed	vs Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
10/5	Wed	vs Essex/Lynn Tech	4:00 pm
10/19	Wed	at Northeast	4:00 pm
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ished as their top runner at the CAC Meet last season in a time of 18:48, finishing strong in what was an otherwise tough season where he was hindered by injuries.

"Ben had a bit of an off-year last year, but he has looked really good in pre-season workouts," Dorazio said. "We expect him to have a very good season."

Other top runners returning to the fold for the Rams this season include junior Will Biscan of Wilmington, who posted a time of 19:53 at the CAC Meet, along with junior Gordon Noble who was the top Rams finisher in a pair of meets last season.

Other key returning runners for the Rams will include sophomore Ethan Zadig and senior Caden Schering. Zadig is coming off an outstanding spring track season, while Schering seemingly came out of nowhere to fight for a spot in the top seven for the Rams this pre-season.

"Caden has also had a great pre-season," Dorazio said. "He was never a consideration for the top seven last season, but he has arrived in such great shape this year, he is going to be pushing for that spot as well, so I am just absolutely thrilled."

In addition to their returning runners, the Rams also will be looking to some talented newcomers to contribute to the team, and it looks like

matured nicely. We add to that mix the talented sophomores that we have, along with a strong freshman class, and I think we will be solid for the next few years."

Other newcomers hoping to contribute for the Rams will include freshmen Brennan Skelly, Patrick Bumpus, and Liam Finn of Wilmington, along with sophomore Jonathan Hureau of Tewksbury and juniors Ben Skorik, and Patrick Tassone of Wilmington.

The next few years not withstanding, the upcoming season looks pretty bright as well, as the Rams attempt to make a run at the league title against top teams like Greater Lowell and Essex Tech, among others. While not wanting to get ahead of himself, it is hard for Dorazio to not like what he sees from this group.

"A coach always likes to think his team will be in the hunt," Dorazio said. "I like to call it guardedly optimistic. I expect some big things from this team."

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Shawsheen Girls Cross Country team also had a somewhat deceiving record of 3-5 last season. While their record was not necessarily deceiving in terms of close losses, they missed out on an even better season due primarily to being shorthanded in



The Wilmington U11 Football team won its first game of the season with a 34-6 victory over Redding-Easton Connecticut. The team includes from row from left, Coach Antczak, Coach Scaltreto, Nate Ricciarelli, Tommy Wilson, Brady Cassidy, Tommy Conn; Middle row from left, Sean Murphy, Alex Scaltreto, Emilia Roya, Stephen Zella, Landon French, Michael Duffy, Hunter Bentley and Coach Zella; Back row from left, Coach Conn, Coach Bentley, Brayden Murphy, Jordan Wedge, Nolan Antczak, Bart Zaino, Brayden Foley, Austin O'Connell, Peter Douzepis and Coach French.

Under 11 Football team opens season with a dominating win over Redding-Easton

The Wilmington U11 Football Team is coming off a 13-1 season, which included winning a state championship and advancing to the New England Championships and finishing as the finalists.

This year, the Wildcats are the only U11 team in Massachusetts that will be playing a seven-game schedule versus teams only in Connecticut.

That new schedule started this past Sunday. The team traveled three hours to Redding-Easton, Connecticut. All 18 Wilmington players were in attendance and all contributed to the 34-6 victory.

The Wildcats were led by Team Captain/Quarterback Stephen Zella (3 TD's), Team Captain/Running Back Tommy Conn (1 TD), and Fullback Michael Duffy (1 TD).

Before the game started, the Wildcats lost the toss and still managed to somehow start on defense and receive the ball to start the second half of play. The Wildcat defense would take some time to settle in and would eventually come up with a stop and a turnover on downs with great penetration up front by the big strong, and fast defensive line-man Jordan Wedge, Brayden Foley, Michael Duffy, and Nolan Antczak. Zella, Conn, Landon French, and

Hunter Bentley held contain and denied Redding-Easton from getting to the outside edge and gaining any positive yardage.

The Wildcats scored on their first drive, grounding and pounding the ball behind the offensive line of Antczak, Wedge, Foley, Tommy Wilson, and Brady Cassidy with Conn, Zella, Bentley, Duffy, and Nate Ricciarelli aggressively running and blocking for five-to-six yards at a time. Zella would finish the drive off and barrel into the endzone on a QB sneak right up the gut from two yards out to make it 6-0 Wildcats. Zella would then kick the PAT, adding two points to the scoreboard off the snap and hold by Duffy and Ricciarelli to make the score 8-0 Wildcats to end the first quarter of play.

The Wildcat defense would come back onto the field as Redding-Easton would start with the ball on its own 35 yard line to start the second quarter. There were several excellent gang tackles by Zella, Conn, Duffy, French, Bentley, Foley, Wedge, Ricciarelli, Antczak, Wilson, and Peter Douzepis as they swarmed the ball on every play and applied pressure that Redding-Easton couldn't handle. Zella, Conn, and Douzepis had some impressive one-on-one

tackles both at and behind the line of scrimmage for losses or no gain. Foley and Wedge constantly grinded their way into the backfield to disrupt the Redding-Easton offense. It was then Ricciarelli that would strip the ball out of the hands of the Redding-Easton running backs' hands forcing a fumble, French dove on the ball and recovered the fumble for the Wildcats who would regain possession of the ball on the Redding-Easton 45 yard line.

Then QB Zella and running back Conn got back to work on offense as the Wildcats would score on an impressive 35 yard touchdown run by Conn up the right side breaking tackles, making players miss and getting to space with some really nice cut backs. 14-0 Wildcats.

Redding-Easton would get the ball back and score on a 65-yard TD run on the first play from the line of scrimmage to make it 14-6, as the Wildcat defense would come up big and stuff Redding-Easton on the one-point conversion. The Wildcats would start with the ball back on their own 35 yard line with just under 6:30 left in the first half. Zella would hit Ricciarelli on an 8-yard pass completion and the running tandem of Zella, Conn, and Bentley would keep Redding-Easton guessing

on defense. Zella would then roll out to pass, keep it and run through people, around people, and make defenders miss for a 45-yard touchdown run into the middle of the endzone on a broken pass play to make 20-6. Zella would kick the PAT to make it 22-6 to end the first half.

The Wildcats would get the ball to start the third quarter with a comfortable 22-6 lead. The Wildcats would impressively maintain possession of the ball and control the game for the entire third quarter. Zella, Conn, Duffy, Bentley, and Ricciarelli would pick up chunks of yards three, four, five and six yards at a time behind the great blocking of Alex Scaltreto, Austin O'Connell, Bart Zaino, Emilia Roya, Brayden Murphy, and Sean Murphy. Picking up first down after first down for the entire ten minutes of the third quarter.

The Wildcats would continue to run the ball inside, outside, and up the middle as Zella got his offense down to the two-yard line to end the third quarter with a commanding 22-6 lead and a fresh set of downs. The Wildcats' started the fourth quarter with a first and goal from the two-yard line and score on the first play of the fourth quarter on a full-back dive to Michael Duffy as he would get into the endzone on a two-yard touchdown run, while going untouched. behind the blocking of Antczak, Wedge, and Foley to make it 28-6 Wildcats.

The Wildcat defense would continue to close the door and shut down any hopes that Redding-Easton had of scoring any more points. Zella would make two back to back tackles behind the line of scrimmage to force a turnover on downs and get the Wilmington offense back onto the field. Zella and Conn, who both ran for over 100 yards, would continue to find huge holes opened up by the offensive line and get to space picking up chunks of yardage at a time.

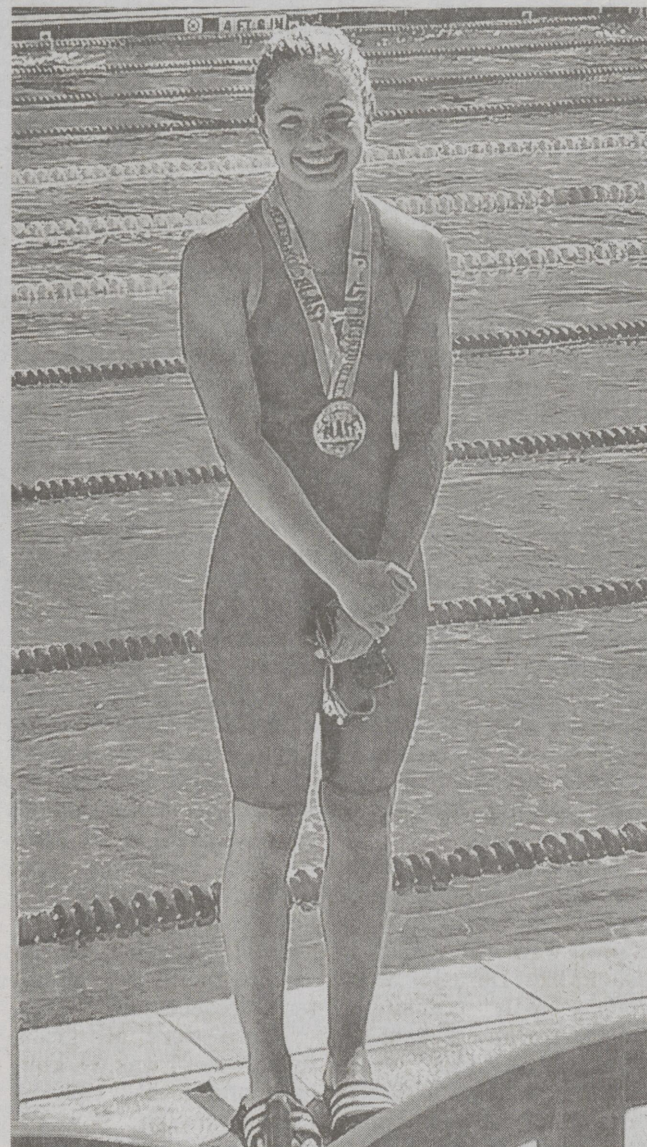
The Wildcats finished off Redding-Easton on a 12-yard TD run to the left side on a QB keeper finding his way to the end zone for the third time to make it 34-6 to secure the Wildcat victory, making the three-hour trip back to Wilmington a very good one for the both the players and the coaches on the holiday weekend.

The Wildcats dominated on both sides of the ball for four full quarters, it was a great team win! The Wildcats are back in action at home this Sunday, September 11, at 12:00 pm against the defending New England Champion West Haven Seahawks at the Town Hall/Glen Road Field.

Pair of local swimmers among best in New England

Two Wilmington residents were among the top ten New England Swimmers in their age groups for the 2021-2022 New England Swimming long course season that ended on Aug 15th. Kyla Kelley, a junior at Wilmington High and Sara

(2:26.02). She was also third in both the 200-IM (2:28.68) and the 400-IM (5:13.71). In addition to that, she was sixth in both the 800-meter freestyle (9:35.60) and 1,500 freestyle (18:47.32), was 8th in the 200-freestyle (2:14.51) and



KYLA KELLEY

Reppucci, a freshman also at WHS, who both represented Crimson Aquatics out of Andover, swam in many meets throughout the season all over NE before this championship meet was held at Brown University in Rhode Island.

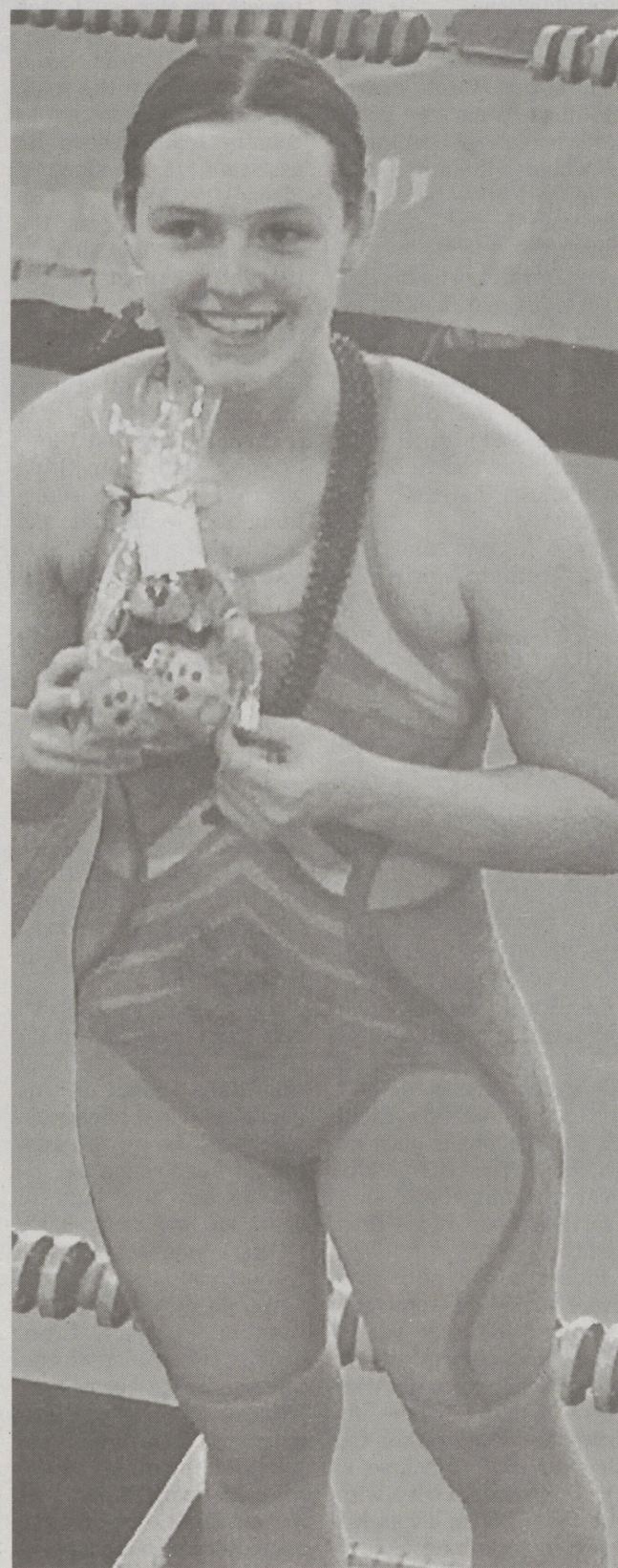
Kelley was in the top-10 of three events in the 15-16 age group, taking 7th in both the 200-meters backstroke (2:25.39) and the 800-meters freestyle (9:22.75), while she was also 8th in the 1,500-meters freestyle at 18:15.20.

Reppucci was top ten in eight different events in the 13-14 age groups. She was third in both the 100-meter backstroke (1:09.27) and 200-meter backstroke

9th in the 200-meter breaststroke (2:56.40).

All Top Ten New England Swimmers including Reppucci and Kelley, are invited to the 2022 Awards Banquet which will be held on Sunday, October 2nd at the Marriott in Newton, MA

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SARA REPPUCCI



Landen French of the Wilmington U11 Football team carries the ball during practice held nearly two weeks ago. Awaiting their turn at the drill include from left, Stephen Zella, Michael Duffey, and Peter Douzepis. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Tewksbury resident on the United States U19 National Paint Ball Team

Canas shooting for a National Championship title

Traveling to Paris to compete against 20 different countries

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TEWKSBURY - When he was nine years old, Marcus Canas went to a birthday party. Like any child at that age, he played games, ate cake and so forth.

Little did he know at the time that one of the games he would play, would turn into National status.

Recently, Canas was been selected to the U19 USA National Paintball Team, and will be competing in Paris later this month in the United Paintball Federation World Championships against over 20 countries.

"I really got started way back when I was nine years old when I went to play for my birthday," recalled Canas. "From there on, I fell in love with it and started playing competitively at around (age) 14."

In the New England area, paintball is becoming popular and is home to many club teams who compete against each other during the season,



Tewksbury resident Marcus Canas is a member of the US Under 19 National Paint Ball team and will be traveling to Paris later next week to compete in the National Championships against 20 other countries.

(courtesy photo/Lori Miller - TEAM USA Paintball).

which starts up in the spring and runs all the way through late fall.

The category of paintball that Canas competes in the New England Paintball League is

speedball, a five-on-five matchup played on a turf field with blowup bunkers scattered throughout. The primary objective is to get to the opposing team's side of the field

and hit a buzzer without getting hit by a paintball. It is a four-point mercy, containing 12-minute rounds that continue until four wins is reached by one team.

"I really fell in love with the community first before really the sport. Everyone was super nice and welcoming and inviting, and they were very helpful when it came to developing my skills as a player, and it sort of pushed me to really keep going with this and (to) turn it into something," said Canas.

When Canas committed to pursuing paintball at age 14, it was an uphill battle that called for hard work. He played amongst mostly adults, and was often the only kid on the field.

"When I was 14 I was mostly just hanging around the community (and) practicing and really grinding. It really wasn't until I was (between) 15 and 16 (years old) when I joined my first division four team," said Canas.

Since then, Canas has become an active member in the local paintball community, competing on club teams and capturing the attention of

many due to his skills, including the Head of Team USA Operations, Anthony Vitale. Vitale is also the Owner of Boston Paintball, a paintball organization home to many players in the Boston area for over 30 years.

"One of the projects we have done (at Boston Paintball) is a paintball combine, run after the NFL Combine," explained Vitale. "We (host them) locally, regionally, and nationally, and it's a clinic/exhibition of player talent and we use the combine (that has) over time evolved into the Team USA selection process."

What started out as a local combine about 20 years ago has turned into the primary tryout for the Team USA National Teams due to Vitale's prolonged commitment. These combines have six core drills that Vitale has created with the help of professional paintball players as well as situational games that put the players' skills to the test. Canas is one of ten players that were selected for the team among hundreds of combine participants throughout the entire country.

"We had seen (Marcus) play a couple times in our local tournaments," said Vitale. "Having seen the growth of his game, we invited him out and made sure that he was part of the process."

Canas was also awarded a scholarship to attend a Boston Paintball Summer Camp this year due to his evident hard work and commitment that was demonstrated through his play throughout the season. Between catching the eyes of coaches at various tournaments, the summer camp, and eventually the combine, Canas was a clear-cut selection for the U19 National Team and is appreciative of the great opportunity.

"I wasn't really affiliated with any major organization. They were kind of taking a risk on me in terms of the tryout, but I ended up proving myself," said Canas.

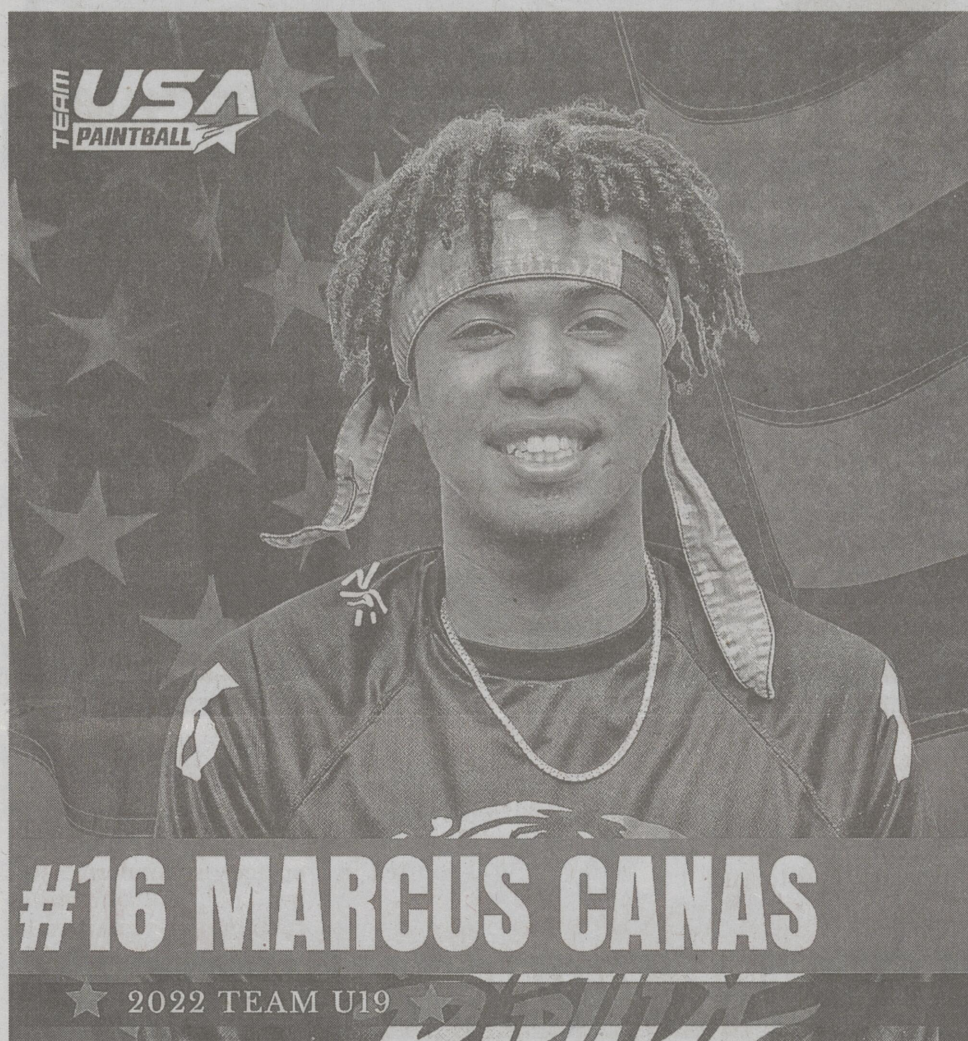
Canas is also grateful for Vitale, who has been with Canas throughout his paintball career.

"(He's) had my back throughout my growth in paintball. He's helped me grow as a player through coaching (me) and he's hooked me up with some stuff when needed. He's a really good friend to have in the community who (has) really got me up to where I was, and I (am) lucky to have him," said Canas.

Canas leaves for Paris on September 11th in order to arrive in France to prepare for the tournament, which starts on the 15th and runs through the 19th.

As far as his future in paintball, Canas has his eyes set beyond the National Team.

"I definitely want to go pro. I'm definitely going to try and make my way up to find a pro spot. From what I've been told, a lot of the USA (National) kids who played in the past have had pro spots and pro opportunities and I'm just looking to prove myself during these events so I can get up there and do work in the pro division," said Canas with confidence.



State semi-finalists returning to the court with lofty goals again

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TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury High volleyball team is coming off its most successful season ever, getting its most wins ever while going 18-5, and making its deepest penetration into the tournament before falling in five games in the MIAA Div. 3 State semifinals to Old Rochester, 3-2.

The Redmen lost two of their captains and top outside hitters in twins Maddie and Katie Cueva, but they are confident they can do even better this time around in 2022.

Tewksbury had a scrimmage last week against Woburn, and the Redmen feel like they are where they want to be headed into the fall campaign.

"There is plenty for us to work on," said Tewksbury coach Allie Luppi. "We are not quite where we were last season, but I think we'll come together quickly, which is exciting."

The Redmen have six returning seniors who make up most of their starting lineup, with some of them stepping into different roles than they had last season.

Tewksbury has been working with different players trying out as outside hitters, and coach sees potential there.

"There's so much potential, so as the season continues, and they get more used to our setters, Kiley (Kennedy) and Julia

(Moura), they'll build that connection," said Luppi, on the development of the outside hitters. "After the scrimmage with Woburn I'm excited about it, and it will get even better."

Luppi said the team is more confident coming into the season but not overly so. Everyone realizes they will need to work hard to get back to the level the Redmen were at the end of last season.

"It takes time and practice to remember how everyone plays," said Luppi. "I think they'll adjust quickly to that. I love seeing the quiet confidence, and not the nerves."

Leading the way for Tewksbury will be senior captains Carrina Barron and Tori Rowe, plus junior captain Ava Fernandes.

Barron is a fourth-year star and now the most decorated player in school history with All-State honors, last year, and one of four or five players currently on the All-American watch list and has already committed to play at Bryant University. Barron is known for incredible defense and timely offense. The latter role will expand this year as she will see time at outside hitter, in addition to libero.

"We are going to see how she does as an outside hitter, this season, letting her hit, letting her play all-around," said Luppi. "She does a great job reading the court, both defensively and offensive-

ly, and we turned to her a lot last year for serve receive on side out and now we'll get her for full back row attack."

When Barron is playing outside hitter, the libero role will be played by either senior Jennie Lester or Fernandes.

"I haven't made a decision yet about who fits that role," said Luppi. "But they are both really scrappy and it's good that they are pushing each to see who is going to libero and who is going to be defensive specialist."

Senior Vanessa Green is the other candidate at outside hitter after she played middle block, last year. She worked hard in the off-season on transitioning into a hitter.

Senior Kiley Kennedy is back at setter and is playing with more confidence than ever. Luppi thinks this will be her time to shine. Moura will also be a setter.

Middle blockers include returning players Maddie Montejo, a senior, and McKayla Conley, a junior. Sophomore Olivia Cueva gives the position further depth.

"There's a lot still up in the air, which is really cool," said Luppi, on how competitive practices have been. "So many girls who played in the off-season are coming back really strong."

Rowe returns as the right-side hitter, a role she did so well, last year. She has a strong connection with Kennedy which

makes her so effective.

Other players working off the bench and adding further competition are juniors Chloe Burns at outside hitter and Ava Nordbruch at right side hitter. Sophomore Charlotte Morris is another outside hitter candidate.

"It's really great because I think of what my starting lineup will be, and then I think who on

the bench could sub in for them," said Luppi. "There's someone for everyone. Everybody is competing which makes for a great team environment, and everyone is supportive."

The Redmen have had some recent success in the tournament, but one thing that has eluded them to this point is and MVC Small title. They would like to remedy that

as an initial goal for the season. Haverhill and Billerica are the teams standing in their way.

"We have to work hard and be consistent," said Luppi, on going for the league title. "You can't have an off game and beat Haverhill and you can't have an off game and beat Billerica."



The 2021 TMHS Volleyball captains include from left, Carrina Barron, Victoria Rowe and Ava Fernandes. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



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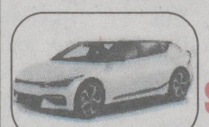
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Back to School!!

School is open – drive, ride, bike and walk carefully

AAA Northeast is reminding students and drivers to use caution as schools reopen for the 2022-2023 year. An increase in traffic as well as an increase in child pedestrians and cyclists require patience, defensive driving skills, and mindfulness for all roadway users. School transportation guidelines have changed as recommendations from the CDC include social distancing on school buses which reduces the number of riders.

Local motorists must be vigilant, especially in the hours before and after school and follow the tips below:

- Slow down. Speed limits in school zones are reduced for a reason. A pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling just 10 mph faster.
- Come to a complete stop. Research shows that more than one-third of drivers roll through stop signs in school zones or neighborhoods. Always come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.
- Eliminate distractions. Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing. Children can be quick, crossing the road unexpectedly or emerging suddenly between two parked cars. Reduce risk by not using your cell phone.
- Reverse responsibly. Every vehicle has blind spots. Check for children on the sidewalk, in the driveway and around your vehicle before slowly backing up. Teach your children to never play in, under or around vehicles.
- Watch for bicycles. Children on bikes are often inexperienced, unsteady and unpredictable. Slow down and allow at least three feet of passing distance between your vehicle and a bicyclist. If your child rides a bicycle to school, require that he or she wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet on every ride.

Stoneham FROM A-8

drastically improving both pedestrian and traffic safety.

"You can see some of the things we can improve in the downtown area in terms of safety. I think we've all been down there and know about some of the issues," Sheehan said while presenting Stantec's findings to the Select Board during a July meeting in Town Hall.

"One obvious concern discussed at [previous public forums with Stantec] was the performance of the intersection. Right now, the existing condition of Main/Central/and Franklin Street is an F and the engineers say under both options they considered, the traffic is improved to a Level of C, which is a drastic change," Sheehan added. "We're trying to balance out the Square for its many users, but it's hard to ignore that this is Route 28 and a lot of traffic flows both north and south during the peak hours."

Wortman and Sheehan began to get serious about the downtown redesign in 2021, when Stoneham completed three analyses that explored improvements to Stoneham Square. Those reports notably included a downtown parking study and a rapid recovery program plan that explored challenges facing local businesses in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those most recent studies similarly referenced portions of at least seven other housing, open-space, complete streets, and strategic action plans that had been commissioned by town officials since 2014. In the hopes of pulling all that information together, Stantec was hired to prepare an official "Downtown Redesign" plan that would eventually be submitted to the Mass. Department of Transportation

• Talk to your teen. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, and nearly one in four fatal crashes involving teen drivers occur during the after-school hours of 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

To support students who will be walking to school, communities can consider organizing or participating in a walking school bus program in neighborhoods that have infrastructure conducive to pedestrian traffic. Adults or older students trained in pedestrian safety, such as AAA School Safety Patrollers, can lead groups of younger students to and from school each day. Students walk and cross streets together and "bus stops" are planned in advance to include all students who wish to participate.

"Parents and schools looking to start a walking school bus program in their neighborhood should start by conducting a walkability audit in their neighborhood by walking the route to the school from the starting point. This exercise rates the infrastructure for sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic calming devices and safety concerns regarding motor vehicle traffic," said Diana Gugliotta, Senior Manager of Public Affairs at AAA Northeast. AAA recommends using the Safe Routes Audit Toolkit to get started. This and other resources for educators are available at www.AAA.com/Community. Schools interested in beginning a safety patrol program at their school should visit www.AAA.com/safetypatrol to register and access training resources; materials are furnished at no cost to the school.

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(MassDOT) for approval and funding.

Ultimately, Stantec designers and engineers held a series of meetings with business owners, citizens, and local public safety managers and pitched two alternative design plans for the area, which were dubbed 1B and 3A.

According to Sheehan, following a public forum early this summer, he and Stoneham's ad hoc traffic advisory board threw their support behind an option that expands a public space known as Buckley Memorial Park by Central Square and also creates a similarly sized gathering area by the corner of Central, Main and Franklin Streets. That option, known as 1B, was less aggressive than the competing 3A plan in terms of major roadway configurations, as the runner-up called for creating a new 5,500 square park by seizing a section of a memorial and pushing the entrance onto Central Street by the Stoneham Fire Station further down Main Street by the historic Dow Building.

To make space for that larger community gathering area, Stantec officials proposed seizing a large section of the existing Buckley Park Memorial, which is dedicated to Korean War veteran and former CIA Station Chief William F. Buckley, a Stoneham native who was killed after being kidnapped and tortured in Beirut, Lebanon in 1985.

"During the course of the public [forum in June] and subsequent to that, there was a lot of support for that option," said Sheehan of 1B. "It sorts of protects the Buckley Square geometry and builds it out a little more. It also adds more space to where the police box is [by the corner of Main and Franklin Street]. This week, our traffic group, after taking into account all the information, has recommended this as the option to pursue."

Major issues resolved

During a public forum in June, Stantec principal Jason Schrieber insisted that unlike many surrounding communities, which experience traffic and pedestrian issues in their downtowns due to a lack of space, Stoneham's problems could largely be attributed to an overabundance of roadway pavement.

Specifically referring to the intersection of Main, Central, and Franklin Streets, which due to its odd geometry, contains oversized traffic lanes that includes areas of pavement that are rarely touched by vehicles. He also pointed out that the main Route 28 corridor, which includes ample on-street parking, currently functions as a four-lane thoroughfare which could benefit from some new turning lanes.

"The Square has become difficult for people to get through if you're not in a car. It would be nice to get back some of this open-space to be able to feel like the area isn't dominated by cars," said Schrieber.

"The intersection itself is huge, which means it takes a while to get across it [if you're a pedestrian]...In general, the street width has become an issue and some level of narrowing is not only possible, it's something we should consider," he later said.

Under the plan, Route 28's southbound approach to the Franklin Street would be reconfigured at the intersection to include a new left-hand turning lane for vehicles heading towards Melrose. Meanwhile, on Main Street northbound, a crosswalk on Main Street to Maple Street would be pushed over to prevent future conflicts between turning vehicles and pedestrians.

Corner sidewalks on both sides of Franklin Street would also be expanded, thereby narrowing the intersection and creating a shorter distance for pedestrians to cross the street. Bump outs, or curbing near the end of on-street parking aisles, would also be installed to steer motorists further away from those spaces as Main Street drops from four-lanes of travel to two.

Lastly, the sidewalks along all four corridors would be widened to create room for additional landscaping around existing trees, new spaces for outdoor dining, and benches. On Central Street, where Stoneham's solitary firehouse is situated, the sidewalk would be cut-off just before the his-

School bus safety tips to impart to youngsters

Each day thousands upon thousands of children board school buses to take them to and from school. Parents and caregivers entrust their children's well-being to the care of school bus drivers and aides. Although parents may worry about school bus accidents, such accidents are few and far between.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration advises that school buses are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in avoiding crashes and protecting against injury. Buses are arguably the safest mode of transportation for getting kids to and from school. By keeping millions of cars off the roads surrounding schools, school buses contribute to less crowded roadways, which are less conducive to accidents.

Danger zone

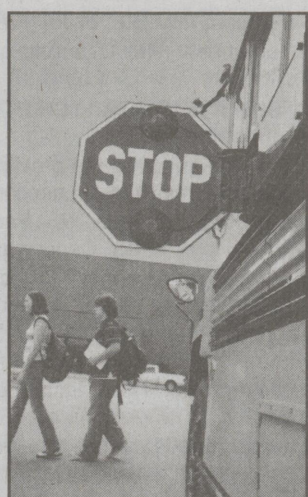
Though parents may feel buses are most likely to be in accidents while in transit, experts advise that children are more likely to get hurt during pickups and drop-offs when they're in the "danger zone" of the bus. The danger zone is a 10-foot radius around the outside of the bus. Bus drivers and other motorists find kids in the danger zone are more difficult to see, and children can get struck by either the bus or oncoming cars that fail to stop when the bus is picking kids up or dropping them off.

Knowing the safety rules

While a large part of protecting children is on the shoulders of the school bus driver, it is also vital for passengers to learn the basics of school bus safety. Kindergarteners or children who are riding the bus for the first time should be taught the rules of school bus safety.

Some schools offer a school bus tour prior to the new school year. This lets youngsters acclimate themselves with the look and feel of the school bus. This introduction also may include information about bus safety, but parents can also educate their children (and themselves) about using caution in and around the bus by following these guidelines.

* Get to the bus stop 5 to 10 minutes prior to the assigned pickup time. Rushing last-minute can



lead to injury, especially if you're chasing down the bus.

* Remain on the sidewalk or grass at the bus stop. Do not step off the curb into the street until the bus has arrived and is completely stopped.

* When boarding the bus, go directly to a seat and sit down. Buckle up if there are seatbelts on the bus.

* Remain seated while the bus is in motion.

* Keep voices low so as not to distract the driver.

* Keep your head and hands inside of the bus, and never hang out of the window.

* Do not throw things on the bus or play rough with friends or classmates.

* Keep the aisle clear at all times.

* Be careful when getting off the bus. Hold on while going down the stairs.

* Only get off at your designated stop unless you have permission to get off elsewhere.

* When exiting the bus, walk at least 10 steps past the front of the bus and cross in front where the driver can see you. Do not cross behind the bus.

* Wait for the driver to give you a signal that it is safe to cross. Be sure to check that all cars on the road have come to a complete stop.

* Get to the sidewalk or off the street as quickly as possible.

* If you've forgotten something on the bus, do not run back and attempt to retrieve it. The driver might not see you and start the bus. Rather, call the bus company and see if you can pick it up at another time.

* Do not get into the cars of strangers waiting around bus stops, even if they offer to take you home.

toric station to minimize potential conflicts between pedestrians and fire apparatus.

A new crosswalk would also be added to the opposite side of Central Street, where a handful of existing restaurants are situated, to accommodate those looking to frequent downtown dining and shops. To make that space more appealing, Buckley Memorial Park would be expanded to create room for outdoor dining or similar amenities.

"Just widening the sidewalk spaces can really allow for other things to happen besides outdoor dining. We talked about how we could put in a nice crossing by the fire house and end the sidewalk with a nice gesture by [Buckley] Memorial Park," Schrieber told local citizens and business owners.

Hoping that MassDOT will soon be in receipt of millions of dollars in new federal infrastructure funds, Stoneham aims to convince the state agency to approve the design - which would more than double the amount of available open-space in the downtown district - sometime in the next year.

The hope is that Stoneham would then become eligible for funding sometime between FY'24 and FY'25, with construction expected to begin by 2026.

"Seeing the list of all the studies and planning that went into this, it's pretty impressive. The town is moving in the right direction, but things take time. This started in 2014 and it's now 2022. Hopefully, when and if this comes to fruition, other construction projects will be done in town," Select Board veteran Raymie Parker, who has been lobbying for a series of transportation and design improvements in Stoneham Square over the past decade, said of the latest proposal.

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9 Linnea Ln was sold to Keys, Jeffrey L and Keys, Katelyn P by Grande, Ralph G and Grande, Jaclyn for \$650,000 on 08/17/22

187 Pearl St was sold to Richards, Christopher T and Castine-Richards, Eleanor by Lambrecht, Ronald C for \$785,000 on 08/16/22

237 Salem St #3 was sold to Zaniboni, Janice M by Churchill Maria A Est and Corrado, Maureen for \$240,247 on 08/16/22

5 Trevor Ct #5 was sold to Lam, Rex by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for \$1,225,000 on 08/17/22

26 Willow St was sold to Greep, Cathline M and Oriodan, Michael K by Macdonald Richard R Est and Smith, Kathleen for \$529,000 on 08/18/22

STONEHAM

9 Arnold Rd was sold to Hartman, Andrea L and Shott, Tyler D by Palermo Jr, Paul J and Palermo, Phyllis R for \$655,000 on 08/19/22

3 Doherty Ln was sold to Neary, Kyle W and Neary, Rebecca B by Awiszus, Thomas J and Awiszus, Carole A for \$620,000 on 08/17/22

142 Elm St was sold to Foley, Sheila by Buccelli, Cheryl and Guarino, Richard for \$541,000 on 08/15/22

179 Franklin St #3 was sold to Catalunha, Tatiana B and Dasilva-Ochiton, Filipe C by Savchenkov, Vladimir and Savchenkov, Elena for \$355,000 on 08/15/22

10 High Rock Rd was sold to Maharjan, Babu and Maharjan, Shova by Doherty Jr, James for \$1,050,000 on 08/19/22

44 Main St #308 was sold to Difronzo, Dino and Difronzo, Marisa by Janedy, Ryan and Porter, Amberlynn for \$457,500 on 08/18/22

5 Mauriello Dr was sold to Sanco Builders LLC by 5 Mauriello Drive RT and Sinclair, Robert C for \$340,000 on 08/18/22

57 Newcomb Rd was sold to Oconnor, Caroline L and Ripka, Amy S by Lucier, Ralph J and Lucier, Robin L

for \$1,510,000 on 08/19/22

5 Pershing Pl was sold to Sheehan, Alexandra by 5 Pershing Pl IRT and Sheehan, Laura for \$520,000 on 08/15/22

Rockville Park was sold to Sanco Builders LLC by Sinclair, Robert C for \$80,000 on 08/18/22

Rockville Park #143 was sold to Sanco Builders LLC by Sinclair, Robert C for \$220,000 on 08/18/22

9 Rockville Park was sold to Sanco Builders LLC by Rockville Park RT and Sinclair, Robert C for \$560,000 on 08/18/22

12 Sparhawk Cir was sold to Siraco Jr, Michael J and Siraco, Christine M by Amirault, Michael and Amirault, Lynelle for \$875,000 on 08/17/22

7 Winthrop St was sold to Evergrain Orchard LLC by Manning 3rd, Thomas J for \$350,000 on 08/16/22

TEWKSBURY

10 Davis Rd was sold to Debay, Stephen by Marlene Debay 2017 T and Debay, David J for \$350,000 on 08/15/22

26 Decarolis Dr #26 was sold to Rigoli, Julie by Geen, Megan S for \$385,000 on 08/18/22

1306 Emerald Ct #1306 was sold to Coleman, Edward and Coleman, Donna M by Gray FT and Gray, Diane G for \$470,000 on 08/16/22

29 Greenhalge St was sold to Hynes Jr, Scott and Maiuri, Brittany L by Maher, Lisa E for \$428,400 on 08/18/22

5 Hampton Cir #5 was sold to Keskar, Vandana by Ashar, Brijesh and Shah, Foram for \$701,000 on 08/15/22

623 Main St was sold to Sterling Capital LLC by Nissan Motor Acceptance for \$2,250,000 on 08/17/22

1215 Main St #117 was sold to Zhang, Zhanping by Sutherland, Donald B and Bronner, Gabriele I for \$100,000 on 08/16/22

WAKEFIELD

14 Babson St was sold to Kirilov, Viktor and Natcheve, Daniela by Sannella, Geraldine R and Scoppettuolo, Christine for \$650,000 on 08/16/22

5 Ballister St #531 was sold to Sacramento, Marianne by Maingot, Gary R and Maingot, Sharon M for \$575,000 on 08/16/22

3 Bennett St #205 was sold to Goncarovas, Vitalijus by Leonard, Jennifer E for \$565,000 on 08/16/22

2 Francis Ave was sold to Getahun,

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Honk FROM A-8

"Oh, that's right," she says. "You're the fly-on-the-wall type."

The mockumentary has always been a dependable way to satirize not just a character or two but a subset of society. After what Christopher Guest did to the world of dog shows and Rob Reiner did to rock bands, Ebo and her producer sister, Adanne Ebo, have aimed at the rich realm of megachurches, taking inspiration from a real 2010 scandal at Georgia's New Birth Missionary Baptist Church.

But there isn't much that seems natural or lifelike in "Honk for Jesus," including the church itself. Such a large congregation would have a large staff and more devoted parishioners — the kind of cast of characters that someone like Armando Iannucci would have a lot of fun weaving throughout the film. But "Honk for Jesus" has an empty, airless chamber piece quality, sticking largely to small scenes around the edges of the church that mostly trade on Lee-Curtis and Trinitie's obvious hypocrisy.

It's not often a bad move to give actors like Hall and Brown lots of room to play, and they certainly bring passion to their performances. They aren't given anywhere especially to go, though. Lee-Curtis' closeted homosexuality is played more for laughs than for empathy.

The film's keenest sense is how it draws nearer to Hall's Trinitie, as her confidence in her husband steadily wavers. "Honk for Jesus" in the end doesn't aim for anything like the madcap parody of, say, HBO's riotous "The Righteous Gemstones," but it may have been more successful if it took the approach of "The Eyes of Tammy Faye," and kept its camera glued to the first lady of the church.

"Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul," a Focus Features release, is rated R.

Transfers FROM A-10

Biruk by Feng, Jian K and Pan, Xiu L for \$625,000 on 08/15/22

2 Glendale Ave was sold to Shariat, Justin A and Sokhom, Theary M by Driscoll, Diane L for \$765,000 on 08/18/22

7 Houston St was sold to Baia, John A and Markuson, Kristin J by Nelson, Peter J and Reilly-Nelson, Sheila B for \$720,000 on 08/19/22

90 Kendrick Rd was sold to Fitzgerald Jr, James A and Fitzgerald, Ellen M by Jacqueline R Sawyer T and Symes, Denise or \$529,000 on 08/16/22

24 Kingmont St was sold to Johanson, Chris E and Johanson, Kathleen M by McGrath, Jane I for \$700,000 on 08/15/22

175 North Ave #315 was sold to Danielson, Susan and Danielson, Lee by Gennaco, Joseph P and Gennaco, Jillian D for \$650,000 on 08/17/22

148 Parker Rd was sold to Arado, Marcos S and Arado, Solimar S by Pace, Dominic D and Pace, Columbia for \$915,000 on 08/19/22

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20 Albany St was sold to Dichiappari, Stephen and Dichiappari, Elise by Pendenza, Robert A and Pendenza,

Rosa for \$699,000 on 08/16/22

34 Belmont Ave was sold to Lindner, Ryan and Lindner, Natali S by Allen, Meridel A and Allen, Paul for \$475,000 on 08/19/22

79-R High St was sold to Shah, Itesh N and Shah, Mayuri I by Buttaro, Ralph R and Buttaro, Diane M for \$650,000 on 08/19/22

16-R Hillside Way was sold to Gallagher, Katherine and Timmerman, Chayil by Figucia, Robert J and Figucia, Sharron B for \$960,500 on 08/15/22

50 Houghton Rd was sold to Annunziata, Jessica L and Annunziata Jr, Francesco by Staples, Nancy E and McDonough, Kelly L for \$670,000 on 08/15/22

18 Liberty St was sold to Gillis, John J Hunt FT by Marengi, Rose for \$365,000 on 08/16/22

7 Madison Rd was sold to Bacon, Danielle and Bacon, William by Faro, Cheryl A and Faro, Mathew P for \$725,000 on 08/17/22

7 Sheridan Rd was sold to Faiola, Allison and Coughlin, Matthew by Maiella Brothers T and Maiella, Robert A for \$699,900 on 08/17/22

7 Webber St was sold to P&G RT and Peterson, Robert G by

Alfred F Morelli RET and Hodson, Ann for \$400,000 on 08/19/22

WINCHESTER

22 Amberwood Dr was sold to Yuan, Aaron by Bagley, Frederick D and Bagley, Paula J for \$1,970,000 on 08/17/22

45 Brooks St was sold to Montgomery, James and Montgomery, Emily by Parker, Jeffrey and Parker, Suzanne for \$2,475,000 on 08/15/22

36 Elmwood Ave #1 was sold to Campbell, Susan and Campbell, David by 36-40 Elmwood LLC for \$940,000 on 08/18/22

99 Lawson Rd was sold to Beat NY NT and Price, Allison R by J&Erica Drazen RET and Drazen, Jeffrey for \$1,610,000 on 08/15/22

69 Mystic Valley Pkwy was sold to Myers, Clint T and Myers, Michelle M by Goodman, Ross S and Goodman, Janice H for \$2,120,000 on 08/16/22

75 Pond St was sold to Sandell, Teresa and Sandell, Nils by Cumings Carolyn C Est and Cumings, Gregory S for \$1,880,000 on 08/17/22

166 Pond St was sold to Shi, Zhangxing and Tang, Xiaoyang by May, Jessica for \$1,230,000 on 08/18/22

S Border Rd was sold to Price, Allison R by J&Erica Drazen RET and Drazen, Jeffrey for \$700,000 on 08/15/22

WOBURN

74 Beach St #6-2 was sold to Lyons, Katelyn by Etesse, Meagan R and Etesse, Jonathan for \$315,000 on 08/16/22

141 Bedford Rd was sold to Chen, Shuying and Bing, Qixin by JCM Murphy FT and Murphy 3rd, Joseph E for \$550,000 on 08/16/22

11 Deb Rd was sold to Martinez, Jose O and Esquivel-Tejada, Maria N by Madore Roger C Est and Madore, Stephen J for \$560,000 on 08/15/22

16 Dix Rd was sold to Cialdea, Frederick and Cialdea, Bruce by Johnson, Robert J and Berg, Sheila A or \$550,000 on 08/17/22

19-A E Nichols St was sold to Boissonneault, Daniel J by Boissonneault, David A and Boissonneault, James J for \$300,000 on 08/16/22

20 Ingalls St was sold to Muir Res Investments LLC by Mills, Theresa V for \$1,440,000 on 08/19/22

4 Knollwood Ave was sold to Muir Res Investments LLC by Bowe, William A for \$660,000 on 08/18/22

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WILMINGTON — Wilmington followed the rest of the state by supporting Democrat Attorney General Maura Healey (1,993) for governor, Democrat Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll (1,185) for lieutenant governor, Democrat Andrea Campbell (1,020) for attorney general, incumbent Democrat Bill Galvin (1,811) for secretary of state, and Democrat Diana DiZogio (1,383) for auditor.

On the Republican side, the town also followed the state by supporting former Republican State Representative Geoff Diehl (965 votes) for governor, Republican Leah Allen (8923 votes) for lieutenant governor, James McMahon (1,234 votes) for attorney general, Rayla Campbell (1,204 votes) for secretary of state, and Anthony Amore (1,196 votes) for auditor.

In more local races, Wilmington backed Republican candidates Bob May (1,200 votes) for representative in congress sixth district, Salvatore Defranco (1,249 votes) for senator in general court second essex and middlesex district and Paul Sarnowski (1,196 votes) for representative in general court 19th middlesex district.

For Democrat, the town supported, Rep. Seth Moulton (2,069 votes), Sen. Barry Finegold (1,953 votes) and Rep. David Robertson (2,006)



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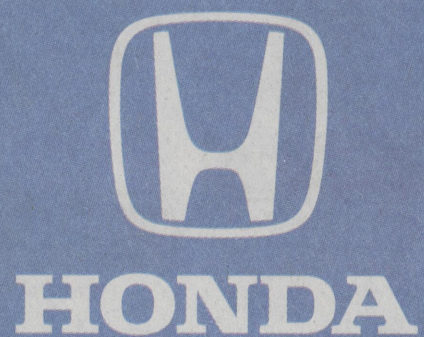
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